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Abu Ghazala (left) and Sheikh Salem taking the salute at the graduation ceremony.

## Kuwait striving to fend off dangers

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah said yesterday, Kuwait's political leadership was doing its utmost to repulse dangers besetting Kuwait.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony of the 16th batch of conscript officers, he added: "HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier have continued to shield Kuwait from evils by resorting to diplomacy at the highest levels."

Sheikh Salem urged the graduates to exert their utmost in defending the country's "territory, skies, territorial waters, security and independence."

### THE WORLD THIS MORNING

#### New clashes

RACHAYA, (AP): Israeli troops pushed 1.2 miles (2 kilometres) into Lebanon's Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley for the second time in two days yesterday and clashed with militiamen, police reported.

#### Transsexuals

THE HAGUE, (Reuters): Transsexuals, physically normal people with a strong desire to belong to the opposite sex, may owe their condition to a brain abnormality, according to Dick Swaab, a Dutch researcher.

#### Death penalty

NEW DELHI, (Reuters): The Indian Parliament imposed yesterday the death penalty as maximum punishment for assisting the ancient Hindu custom of sati — a widow's ritual suicide on her husband's funeral pyre.

#### Agnelli prize

ROME, (AP): Sir Isaiah Berlin, the British intellectual, historian and philosopher, yesterday was named the first winner of the \$200,000 Agnelli International prize for ethics.

#### Drug smuggling

NICOSIA, (AP): Three Lebanese men and an Egyptian belly dancer, arrested after police fired warning shots, were remained in custody for eight days yesterday on charges of drug smuggling.

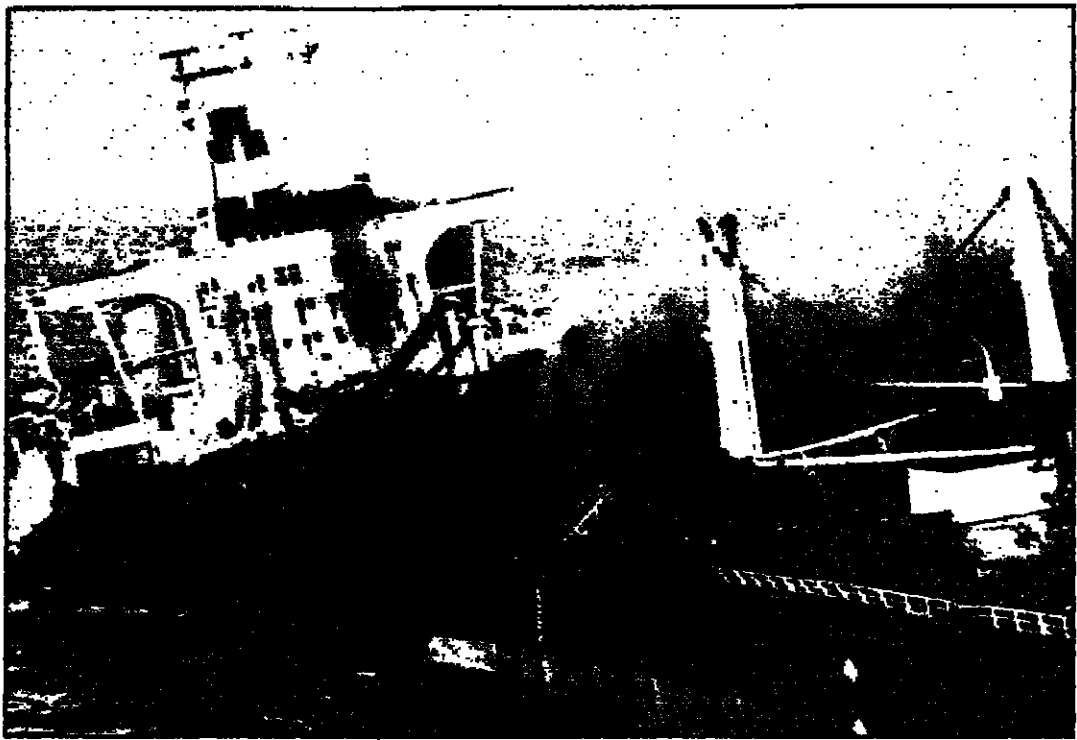
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 State of sea: slight.  
 High water: 8.00am, 9.00pm  
 Low water: 2.00am, 3.00pm  
 Sunrise: 6.36am  
 Sunset: 4.52pm  
 Maximum temperature recorded:  
 Kuwait: 22°C 72°F  
 Ahmedi: 20°C 68°F  
 Fakhra: 21°C 70°F  
 Maximum temperature expected:  
 Kuwait: 23°C 73°F  
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The 102,088 tonne Greek tanker Ariadne flirts with its deck ripped open by an explosion after an Iranian frigate fired on it in the southern Gulf. (Reuters radiophoto)

#### Tehran raids another tanker

Ships were stopping because Iran's four frigates have shown no hesitation in blasting unarmed and unescorted vessels which refuse to answer radio interrogations.

One of the four, which carry no names or identifying numbers, opened fire on the Ariadne after warning it three times to respond or come under fire.

The frigates, which are no match for major ships of Western navies deployed in the Gulf, leave vessels under military escort alone.

But the Western navies — the US, France, Britain and Italy — only defend ships flying their national flags.

"It's a diplo-military waltz," said a Western diplomat in Abu Dhabi. "The Americans and Europeans protect ships which are not attacked and the Iranians attack ships which are not protected."

The Soviet Union has proposed a United Nations naval force in the Gulf to protect all shipping, but Washington and London are opposed for fear it would regularise the Soviet naval presence in the waterway, currently very small with a handful of light vessels.

In Baghdad, a senior Soviet envoy today pledged continued military support for Iraq and said Moscow supported a Gulf war ceasefire but would not back an arms embargo against Iran.

#### Grenades

Within hours of the attack, Iranian Revolutionary Guards pumped four rocket-propelled grenades into the 29,990-tonne Greek tanker World Produce, setting it afire in the southern Gulf but causing no casualties.

Shipping sources said it took three tugs several hours to put out the flames. They later began towing the ship, which had been in ballast en route to Bahrain, to Dubai for repairs.

The sources said three projectiles exploded in the crew quarters on the stern of the ship while the fourth hit the engine room, knocking out the propulsion system.

Shipping sources also said the 102,088-tonne Greek tanker Ariadne had grounded on a sandbar near where it was attacked yesterday by an Iranian frigate.

"It's a wreck, a complete write-off," a salvage source said of the ship, abandoned by its crew after the attack.

It was the second vessel destroyed by Iran in less than a week. The 85,129-tonne Singaporean tanker carrier Norman Atlantic sank last Thursday after an Iranian attack.

At the western end of the Strait of Hormuz, ships entering the Gulf piled up as an Iranian frigate interrogated them.

The Iranian Navy does this routinely to prevent war material reaching Iraq, but shipping sources said the frigate was making more thorough checks than usual.

#### Treaty

Special Ambassador Mikhail Setienko was in Baghdad to brief Iraqi leaders on last week's Washington summit between US President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Asked at a news conference on the Soviet attitude towards an expected Iranian offensive, Setienko said: "The Soviet Union supports and assists Iraq in all fields, including the defensive power of the Iraqi republic."

He said the Soviet Union and Iraq were linked by a friendship and cooperation treaty, to which Moscow fully adhered. The Soviet Union is Iraq's number one arms supplier.

Setienko has conferred with Iraq's Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz on ways to implement a UN Security Council call for an immediate ceasefire in the Gulf war.

The Soviet envoy repeated to reporters Moscow's view that Iran should have more time to receive residence law violators from 4 pm to 8 pm every working day, except Thursdays.

He categorically denied reports of a ban on issuing visas to expatriates of certain nationalities. He said that any rule was first announced by the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry, and the immigration departments only stamped the visas on passports.

Expatriates with domestic visas issued before Sept 6, 1982, could transfer it to a work permit, he said. Al Essa confirmed that renewal of the residence permit should be done at least one month before the expiry date.

#### Persuade

Government sources said Ershad had sent emissaries to persuade opposition leaders to join in his peace efforts.

But the main opposition leaders repeated their demands for a caretaker government to oversee new elections.

Ershad said today he might allow foreign observers to ensure honest balloting in future elections.

He also said he was ready to call another presidential election

#### Views

"All such views would go on the air unvetted and uncensored," it said.

Opposition politicians expressed surprise at the announcement and said it departed from state television's usual role as a spokesman for the government.

"I may sound cynical, but I must say the announcement is a bit weird particularly when the country is under state of emergency," opposition leader Abdul Mannan said.

"Letting the opposition speak over the TV is something against their grain. Why should they suddenly be so generous?" he said in an interview.

A source close to Ershad's Jatiya Party said the President believed the offer would foster talks with the opposition on fresh parliamentary elections within next three months.

Ershad, a 57-year-old former general, imposed a state of emergency last month, put five cities under curfew, restricted news reporting and dissolved the Parliament after a month-long anti-government campaign.

#### Give power of attorney: Al Essa

By Lima Al Khalafawi

EXPATRIATES who have had their passports stamped to leave the country should refer to the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry or civil courts if they have cases for payments, the director of the technical department of the immigration department at the Capital Governorate, Lieut-Colonel Mohammed Al Essa, said.

He added that those who do not expect to settle their affairs before the amnesty of Jan 31 deadline should give a power of attorney to a lawyer or other person to follow up matters

#### Fraud

In Seoul, the morning was clear and cold. The temperature was minus 4 degrees Celsius (25 degrees Fahrenheit), normal for winter.

The National Coalition for Democracy said it was receiving reports of hundreds of cases of fraud by the government in Seoul and other cities. The opposition alliance claimed some 3,000 cases of fraud in Seoul alone, but the government rejected the charges and accused the opposition of trying to wreck the election.

An American member of an international observer team, however, said he saw no voting irregularities on visits to eight polling places between the Seoul and Taejeon, 90 miles (144 km) to the south.

He said a supporter of opposition candidate Kim Dae Jung

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#### Ershad offers TV time to opposition

DHAKA, Dec 16, (Reuters): The Bangladesh government said today it would offer prime television time to political parties to air their views on major national issues.

Informed sources said the offer was part of President Hosain Mohammad Ershad's efforts to appease opponents who have been campaigning for his resignation and to persuade them to accept his formula for fresh elections.

"We intend to introduce a new programme from January where the political parties would be able to put across their views and take part in all debates on major national issues," state-run television announced.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Storm hits western US mountains

NEW YORK, Dec 16, (AP): An intense Pacific storm brought heavy snow to the western US mountains today, and forecasters predicted it would sweep across the nation like the system blamed for blizzards, tornadoes and at least 61 deaths.

"You could call it the sister of this storm," said Roy Pringle of the national weather service in Milwaukee. He was referring to the blizzard yesterday that closed the nation's busiest airport and schools in 11 states.

Wind, combined with up to 14 inches (35.5 cm) of snow in the midwestern United States yesterday, snapped power lines, tore loose trees and caused widespread power outages, including one that affected 170,000 Chicago-area residents.

The storm also left highways icy or snowpacked across the plains states, and caused school closings in parts of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

## 15 die so far in uprising

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other people in trying to enter Palestinian camps at Rafah, Khan Younis and Gaza overnight.

In Amman, Jordan's King Hussein said today that Israeli policy in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip was colonialist and ran against the tide of history.

At the United Nations, Kuwait has warned that the Palestinians will never give up their struggle for self-determination and the establishment of their own state in Palestine and called for "urgent action" to find a peaceful settlement.

## Past haunts reborn candidacy

## Rivals surprised at Hart's return

NASHUA, New Hampshire, Dec 16, (Reuters): An unabashed Gary Hart, who quit the 1988 Democratic presidential race this spring tangled in an adultery scandal, is back in the race, but many supporters and campaign workers have deserted him.

Hart announced his return to the race yesterday in time to be on the ballot in New Hampshire — site of America's first primary poll in February. The election is in November.

"I think it's a mistake. It will hurt the Democratic Party and hurt Gary Hart. It will trivialise the issues he cares about," said David Dreyer, Hart's former issues director.

**Speculation**  
Hart's former New Hampshire campaign director, Susan Calegari, said she plans to remain as state chairman for another candidate, former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt. "I have no intention of switching back."

On the first stop of his new

campaign, at a shopping centre, Hart's reborn candidacy could not escape the past.

Although many said a candidate's personal life should not be an issue, many doubted Hart could avoid discussion of his relationship with Donna Rice, a blonde model and aspiring actress caught leaving Hart's home in Washington last spring.

Hart, who is married with two grown children, denied he had an affair with Rice, but questions about his character and speculation about extramarital affairs derailed the campaign.

The other six Democratic candidates, who took part in a debate in Edinburg, Texas, last evening, said they had been surprised by Hart's move.

"I was surprised, we all were," said Illinois Senator Paul Simon. "I just hope he doesn't hurt himself in the process of doing it."

"America will make a sensible choice," said Missouri Congressman Richard Gephardt, adding he did not think Hart's re-entry



Gary Hart

would embarrass the Democratic Party.

"It's been a strange year and it gets stranger."

The Rev Jesse Jackson said he did not want to talk about Hart, but Babbitt said Hart was "one more package under a very loaded Christmas tree. My guess is he'll either be the frontrunner or the ghost of Christmas past

very quickly."

"Candidates come and candidates go. His departure did not affect my campaign and his arrival won't," said Tennessee Senator Albert Gore.

**Morality**  
Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts said: "It's an open field and I'm going to keep doing what I have been doing. We've gone through a lot over the last eight or nine months and I assume morality is still an issue."

When he quit the race, Hart complained that the furor over his personal activities was obscuring substantive issues.

Hart, a former Colorado senator, was a favourite to win the 1988 Democratic nomination when he pulled out last spring.

"This will not be like any campaign you've ever seen," he told supporters and a huge crowd of reporters yesterday.

"I don't have a national headquarters or staff. I don't have any money. I don't have

pollsters or consultants or media advisors or political endorsements," he said.

Hart always placed part of the blame for his campaign's demise on the press and he underlined that point in his speech by saying: "I want to let the people decide."

Hart's wife Lee said she supported her husband's decision "all the way, all the time."

Hart opened his new campaign with a plea for a debate on public policies rather than his private morals.

**Intent**  
Hart said he did not intend to respond to any more personal questions.

He said in an hour-long television interview last night: "They may be interesting and possibly even exciting... there will be some very bad stories and who knows what will be written and said."

"It cannot be an awful lot worse than what has already been said. But there is no way in the world I intend to respond to that. It doesn't matter."



Donna Rice

## Donna Rice loses job as No Excuses girl

NEW YORK, Dec 16, (Reuters): Just as Gary Hart announced that he wants his old job back, the woman who was responsible for him losing it — Donna Rice — lost her job.

The firm that markets "No Excuses" sportswear said yesterday that it had fired Rice, 29, as its television commercial spokeswoman and has hired a new person to be its "No Excuses girl."

The firm said it had planned to sack Rice on Thursday but moved up its announcement to yesterday when Hart announced that he was re-entering the fight for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Hart withdrew from the race after it became public that he spent a weekend with Rice at his Washington townhouse while his wife was in Colorado.

Dari Marder of new retail concepts, which markets the "No Excuses" line, explained the Rice sacking this way: "We are moving into a new year and a new image."

## 8 die in Indian train crash

SHAMBOO, India, Dec 16, (AP): Eight people died and more than 50 were injured today when a passenger train, halted just outside a railway station in Punjab state, was struck twice in five minutes by other trains, police said.

Dharam Singh Mohi, Deputy Inspector General of Railway Police, said the passenger train halted after it passed through the Shamboo railway station.

A lone diesel engine ran into the train from behind, prompting most of the passengers to leave the train, Mohi said. About five minutes later, a 50-car freight train hit the diesel engine at high speed, crushing it into the passenger train.

Six people were killed immediately and two others died from injuries in a nearby hospital. The accident occurred about 220 kilometres (124 miles) north of New Delhi.

Two cars were completely smashed, and a third was damaged. More than a dozen trains were cancelled after the accident, and nearly 100,000 passengers were stranded.

The passenger train was en route from Amritsar to Hardwar.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Bus accident

BANGKOK, Dec 16, (AP): A 10-wheel truck collided head-on with a bus on Bangkok's outskirts today, killing 19 people and injuring 58, a police officer said.

Police Maj Sunthorn Khemprapa said most of those killed were university students.

He said the truck struck the bus on a winding road in Minburi, northeast of Bangkok, as the students of the King Mongkut Institute of Technology were on their way back to the college. He said the drivers of the bus and truck were injured.

## Embassy opened

AMMAN, Dec 16, (Reuters): Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan formally opened a new British embassy building in Amman today, an embassy statement said.

The two-storey building, in the newly-developed suburb of Abdoun, was built in 17 months by British companies and Jordanian sub-contractors. The embassy did not give the cost.

## Spycatcher

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Dec 16, (AP): The High Court today said the British government could appeal against its dismissal of a British application to ban publication of the book "Spycatcher" in New Zealand.

The appeal hearing will start on Friday. In the meantime, the book remains banned and newspapers are not allowed to publish excerpts.

## Judge Kennedy

WASHINGTON, Dec 16, (Reuters): US Supreme Court nominee Anthony Kennedy has finished testimony at his Senate hearings without any major problems and appears to have a clear path to confirmation, according to several leading senators.

"I don't believe you are in any trouble," Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd told Kennedy as the nominee completed two days of questioning by members of the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday.

"I'm inclined to vote for you, barring any unforeseen happenings," the West Virginian said.

## Economic sanctions

WASHINGTON, Dec 16, (UPI): President Reagan has extended economic sanctions against Libya, insisting the crisis that led to the imposition of a broad ban on trade almost two years ago continues as a result of Libya's support for terrorism.

The government of Libya continues to use and support international terrorism, in violation of international law and minimum standards of human behaviour," Reagan said in a notice to Congress yesterday.

## Bank holdup

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec 16, (Reuters): Two robbers who took 30 hostages and forced them to strip during a bank robbery in the northeastern city of Fortaleza yesterday were killed when police stormed the building.

The two men broke into the Bank of Fortaleza around noon and held about 30 people hostage. They demanded a 147,000 dollar ransom, a car and a plane in which to escape, police said.

During the time they remained inside the bank, the armed robbers ordered the hostages to undress.

## 'Empire of the Sun'

NEW YORK, Dec 16, (AP): "Empire of the Sun" and its director, Steven Spielberg, were named Best Movie and Best Director of 1987 by the National Board of Review yesterday.

The board, which has issued annual awards for 70 years, also announced these bests:

Actor: Michael Douglas in "Wall Street"

Actress: Lillian Gish in "Whales of August" and Holly Hunter in "Broadcast News"

## Singapore dogs

SINGAPORE, Dec 16, (Reuters): Singapore, fed up with dogs snapping at joggers and upstaging rubbish bins, is biting back with fines for owners who let their mutts run free.

Offenders will be fined up to 200 Singapore dollars (\$100) government official Ho Hong Fatt said today.

The orderly island state punishes itself on clean parks and streets and already fines people who litter or smoke in many public places.

## Plot foiled

BEIRUT, Dec 16, (Reuters): Beirut daily As-Safir said today a plot to assassinate Lebanon's Army Commander General Michel Aoun had been foiled by a number of military and police suspects arrested.

Quoting reliable security sources, the leftist newspaper said Aoun's own security forces were interrogating the detainees who were not identified.

The army command refused comment on the report.

## Mubarak ready to go to Syria for talks

CAIRO, Dec 16, (Reuters): Egypt's President Mubarak said he was ready to go to Syria for talks with President Hafez Al Assad to patch up differences between them, according to an interview published today.

Mubarak also said in the interview with the UAE television, reported in Cairo's Al-Ahram newspaper, that another Arab rival, Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, wanted to announce a plan for unity with China.

On relations between Egypt and Libya, severed since 1972 over Middle East peace policies, Mubarak said, "I do not know what Khaddafi really wants. He even wanted to announce unity with China. I was told this by the Chinese when I met them."

## Doors

Mubarak was quoted as saying he respected Syria's President Hafez Al Assad. "My hand of friendship is still extended to him. Our hearts and doors are open to him and I am willing to go to him in the hope of patching

up differences."

Egypt and Syria, partners in a three-year unity plan in 1958 and allies in the 1967 and 1973 wars with Israel, clashed over their approach to peace with the Jewish state.

Egypt is the only Arab state to have signed a peace treaty with Israel. Syria is among six Arab countries which have refused to restore relations with Cairo, severed in 1979, despite a general Arab League summit to re-establish links with the most powerful Arab country.

Mubarak said he had sent most Arab leaders copies of documents that proved the treaty with Israel did not annul Egypt's obligations towards the Arabs.

"Any talk that this treaty has cancelled Egypt's Arab commitments is therefore false," he said.

Mubarak said all partners to the Arab-Israeli dispute had to sit round the conference table in an international framework because the Palestine problem "will not be solved by carrier pigeons."



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## INTERNATIONAL

## Sudanese troops kill 95 rebels

KHARTOUM, Dec 16. (Reuters): Sudan said its troops killed at least 95 anti-government rebels in two Southern regions but made no mention of the reported guerrilla seizure of two Army bases.

A military announcement broadcast on state radio said troops aided by "friendly forces" on Tuesday overran several camps belonging to the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) in the Upper Nile region. It said 95 rebels were killed, many more injured and that large quantities of arms were seized.

The term friendly forces is used by the military to refer to the Anya-Nya 2 militia, a force estimated at 15,000 men who fought alongside the SPLA until they changed sides in 1984.

The statement said troop casualties were negligible and that three militiamen were killed and four others wounded.

In Bahar Al Ghazal region, troops dislodged rebels in several areas, including the town of Rumbek and north of Awel, the statement said without giving casualty figures for either side.

There was no mention of Tuesday's report by the SPLA that it had captured the military bases of Khartoum-Bike and Kashankor on Sunday. The bases are in Blue Nile province where the guerrillas have been on the offensive for more than a month.

The SPLA has been fighting troops since 1983 in the south of Sudan in a bid to overthrow the Khartoum government in the North.

UN appeals for aid to Lebanon

GENEVA, Dec 16. (Reuters): Two United Nations agencies appealed today for \$85 million to help feed, house and provide medical care next year for about 250,000 destitute families in Lebanon.

Hans Einhaus, a deputy director of the United Nations Disaster Relief Organisation (UNDR), told a news briefing: "We have received about \$10 million so far. But many countries have yet to respond."

Under the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) first launched the joint appeal for cash and food aid worth \$85 million earlier this month in New York.

Lebanon will lack some 100,000 tonnes of grains and cereals in 1988, Einhaus said. Local production combined with government stocks will total between 100,000 and 120,000 tonnes — far short of the 260,000 tonnes needed annually.

Einhaus said the United States Agency for International Development, the European Economic Community and the World Food Programme had contributed a total of 60,000 tonnes, but more aid was needed.

"Perhaps the only positive result of the complete deterioration of the economic situation is that the militias also have problems with their financial resources. Security has slightly improved recently. There is exhaustion," Einhaus said.

## Occupation forces storm S. Lebanon

## Egypt warns Israel on raids

CAIRO, Dec 16. (UPI): Egypt has warned Israel, it would be seriously escalating the Middle East situation if reports that its military forces have stormed southern Lebanon are true.

A spokesman for the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said that according to latest news reports, Israeli forces have stormed the southern part of the war-torn country.

"Egypt considers this a grave escalation in the situation in whole (Middle East) area," the spokesman said.

The spokesman warned such escalation implies in turn "dangerous that are wider in scope" and constitutes a real obstacle on the road to peace in the region.

The spokesman's statements, late last night, were also in reaction to the reported continuation of Israeli action against the Palestinian inhabitants of the Israeli-occupied territories.

It is the second official protest made by Cairo in less than a week against such Israeli measures.

The spokesman reiterated

Cairo's position urging Israel to reconsider "the (its) policy of escalation as it would lead to more bloodshed and create fresh obstacles in the way of Egypt's sincere peace-making efforts."

"The current situation is very grave," the spokesman said. "The world community is therefore called upon to make it crystal clear to Israel that the escalation policies might drag the area into confrontations that are wider in scope and more dangerous we should immediately, put an end to."

The state-controlled media has also been critical of Israel's latest oppressive policies in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Cunning In an editorial today, the newspaper Al Akhbar resorted to using anti-semitic connotations when it described the Israelis as well known throughout history for being extremely clever and cunning in general.

"Being so clever, the Israelis should then remember that they would not be able to silence the

voice of the Palestinians who have inalienable rights nobody could ever deprive them of," the state-owned newspaper said.

Al Akhbar charged the Israelis of being by far ahead of the most brutal Nazi war criminals by the methods of oppression and terror they have been applying against the Palestinians in occupied land.

Shelling "...however, they (the Israelis) would not be able to silence the voice of the legitimate owners of the occupied land (the) Palestinians," it said. "They (the Palestinians) have got inalienable rights they could never be deprived of."

Israeli troops pounded villages in east Lebanon with shellfire today, security sources said, less than 24 hours after they pushed into the area and clashed with commandos.

The sources said Israeli gunners fired on the villages of Maydoun and Ain Al-Tineh, four km from Syrian positions in the town of Mashghara, 50 km

south-east of Beirut.

One civilian was reported wounded.

On Tuesday, Israeli forces clashed with commandos in the area after they advanced with their allies of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia beyond a self-declared "security zone" along the border.

The Israelis said they were searching for the attackers and reported one of their men slightly wounded in a clash that followed.

The pro-Iranian Hizbollah and pro-Syrian Amal militias said on Tuesday two of their fighters were wounded in the fighting.

The Lebanese Army in Ain Al-Tineh reported two soldiers wounded when their armoured personnel carrier was hit by a missile from an Israeli helicopter gunship.

Witnesses said hundreds of Syrian troops and Lebanese militiamen were on full alert today after the clashes and morning shelling.

## Rafsanjani denies help in freeing Waite

## Iran defends kidnappings

NICOSIA, Dec 16. (AP): Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani said "oppressed groups" in Lebanon had no choice but to take hostages, according to a newspaper report.

The Tehran newspaper Kayhan on Tuesday also quoted Rafsanjani as denying reports that Iran might intercede with hostage-takers to gain the release of Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite, missing in Lebanon.

Rafsanjani said the reports on Iran working to free Waite were "rumours," adding: "these rumours are baseless."

"We have already clarified our stance regarding the hostage issue," he said. "We have no responsibility in Lebanon."

"An oppressed group, in order to defend its rights, has no choice but to take some people (hostages). Some of them accept our words and therefore we may intercede with them in certain cases."

Mediation "We have declared we would mediate for those countries who are our friends or have no hostility against us. But with the British... they are acting wickedly right now."

"We were told just yesterday that they entered our plane with dogs forcefully for inspection and insulted (our people). We would not mind having normal relations with them. But at the

moment we do not think (it is possible)."

The Iranian agency, monitored in Nicosia, carried lengthy excerpts of the interview. The report did not elaborate on the alleged incident involving "our plane," and it was not immediately clear to what Rafsanjani was referring.

In London, a Foreign Office official told the Associated Press he was not aware of any such incident. Relations between Britain and Iran plummeted earlier this year after a British diplomat was detained and beaten in Tehran, shortly after the arrest in Britain of an Iranian diplomat on shoplifting charges.

## 11 missing as typhoon hits Philippines

MANILA, Dec 16. (Reuters): Typhoon Phyllis slammed across the central Philippines, sinking a ferryboat and drowning 11 people, including two opposition election candidates, police said today.

A Polinaurwa district police official said about 25 Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas wearing military uniforms raided the eastern village of Devagadalla today killing 10 civilians including a family of five.

Soldiers from a nearby Sri Lankan camp heard the shots and ran to the village, briefly exchanging fire with the guerrillas who escaped into the jungle in a stolen lorry, he said.

The guerrillas set off a landmine under an Indian military jeep at Mullaitivu in the north-east on Tuesday, killing five soldiers. Six guerrillas were killed in the ensuing fire-fight, police said.

Police said the Tigers shot dead five civilians believed to be supporting a rival rebel group at Kalawanchukuddy in Batticaloa district on Monday.

## 33 killed as Tamils attack villagers

COLOMBO, Dec 16. (Reuters): Tamil Tiger separatists battled Indian troops and attacked villagers in Sri Lanka, killing at least 33 people, police said today.

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On the same day in nearby Thirukkivil, Tiger guerrillas exploded a landmine as an Indian military patrol was passing and killed one soldier. Three civilians were killed in a crossfire between Tigers and soldiers, police said.

Residents at Vavuniya in the North said three civilians were killed by rebels in the past 24 hours.

Up to 35,000 Indian soldiers have been sent to the island to disarm the guerrillas under a Indo-Sri Lankan accord to end a four-year Tamil separatist revolt.

Meanwhile, a court has found six Indian soldiers guilty of raping Tamil women in Northern Sri Lanka, according to a legal document made public Tuesday.

Indian Army Major H.V. Singh told the court during the inquiry that the soldiers would be thrown out of the Army and deported to India, according to an affidavit printed in the Tamil-language newspaper Virakesari.

## Singapore 'sex priest' quits church

SINGAPORE, Dec 16. (Reuters): A Roman Catholic priest linked by the Singapore government to an alleged Marxist plot and accused of having an affair with a woman has given up his priesthood, Archbishop Gregory Yong said today.

"Father Edgar D'Souza has informed me that he has given up the priesthood with immediate effect," the Archbishop said in a statement. D'Souza, 39, was named by the government as a close associate of some members of the Catholic Church who were detained along with others seven months ago for an alleged Marxist conspiracy to overthrow the government.

Home Affairs Minister Shanmugam Jayakumar told Parliament early this month the government had evidence of the priest's "amorous activities and relationship" with a woman lawyer.

"Because of his questionable and scandalous relationship with a woman, he (D'Souza) has made it impossible to carry on his priestly ministry," the Archbishop said.

Resignation According to the Archbishop, D'Souza sent his resignation letter to him from Melbourne where he is now living.

"Had he not given up the priesthood of his own accord, he would have been suspended from exercising his priestly ministry should he be proven guilty of what he has been accused of," the Archbishop said.

In May and June this year, Singapore detained 22 so-called Marxists, including 10 Roman Catholic workers, for alleged involvement in a plot to overthrow the government.

## Pakistani denies N-material plot

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 16. (UPI): An exporter on trial for conspiring to illegally ship to his native Pakistan two restricted metals, testified he would not have involved himself in the scheme if he knew the materials would be used to make nuclear weapons.

Arshad Pervez, 43, a naturalized Canadian citizen living in the Toronto suburb of Willowdale, testified for several hours in federal court Tuesday and admitted giving a \$1,000 bribe to a federal official.

However, he said he was set up by undercover agents and possibly by the buyer of the materials, a retired Pakistani brigadier-general, who was charged as a co-conspirator and remains at large.

Pervez is charged with conspiring with retired Brig. Gen. Inam ul-Haq to bribe a US official so he could illegally purchase 25 tons of a specialty metal known as Maraging Steel 350 and several bars of beryllium.

Client US government officials alleged the materials were headed for Pakistan's secret uranium enrichment plant at Kahuta for making nuclear weapons. Pervez testified Tuesday that he believed they would be used for legal, non-nuclear purposes.

Pervez insisted Inam told him he planned to use the materials in high-speed compressors and turbines.

"I was only doing what I was told by my client in Pakistan," Pervez testified. "If it was going

there (for nuclear weapons), I wouldn't get involved in this... I trusted my client."

A scientist has testified in the case that Maraging steel is used almost exclusively in the manufacture of atomic weapons.

Because those substances are used to enrich uranium and make nuclear weapons, the US government restricts their exportation to countries such as Pakistan, which have not signed the International Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Attention Pakistan tried to purchase the two metals directly from Carpenter in May 1986 but the US government cancelled the deal because it believed Pakistan wanted them for its alleged nuclear programme.

The trial has drawn the attention of Congress and the Reagan administration because a proposal for \$4.2 billion in US aid is contingent on Pakistan not building nuclear weapons.

During cross examination Tuesday, Pervez admitted that he gave a \$1,000 bribe to a US Commerce Department licensing agent to obtain an export license to purchase the metals.

Pervez also admitted he intended to establish a relationship in which he would bribe the official on a regular basis in exchange for licences approving shipments of the two materials and other commodities.

When questioned by assistant US attorney Amy Kurland, Pervez admitted he knew he was breaking the law in January 1986.

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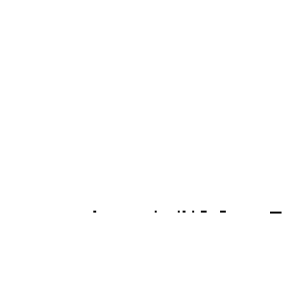
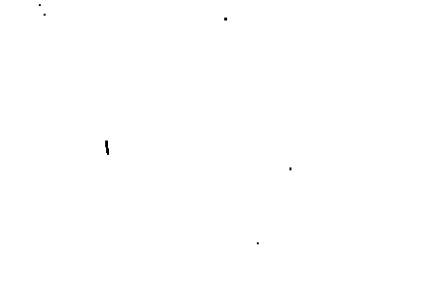
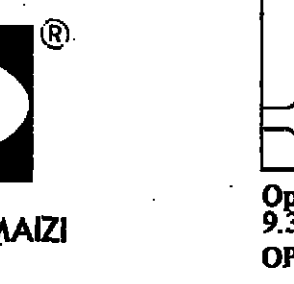
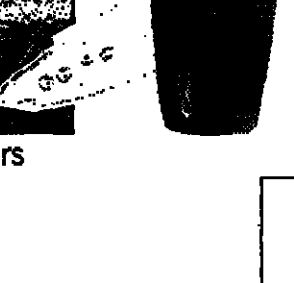
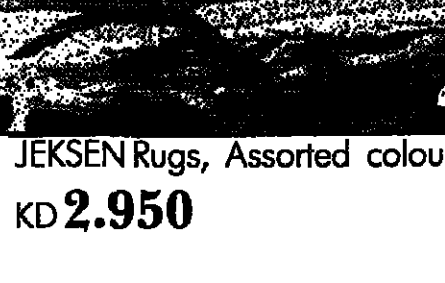
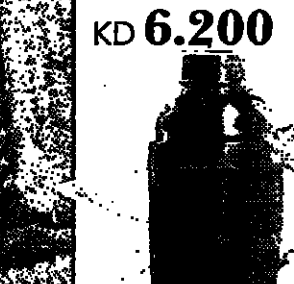
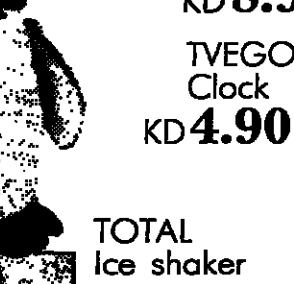
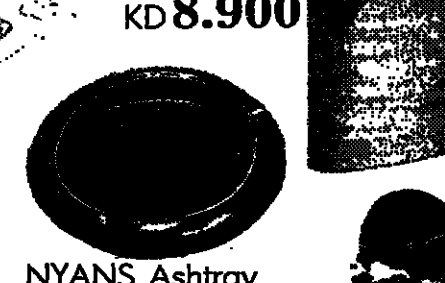
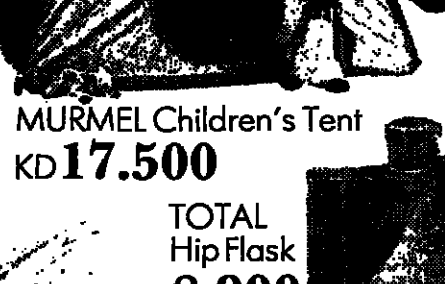
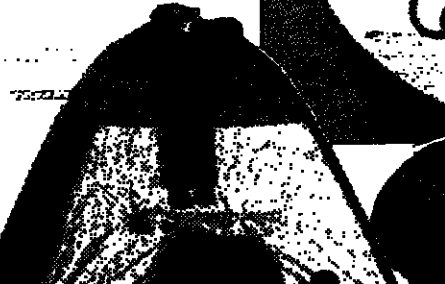
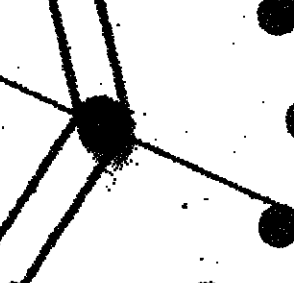
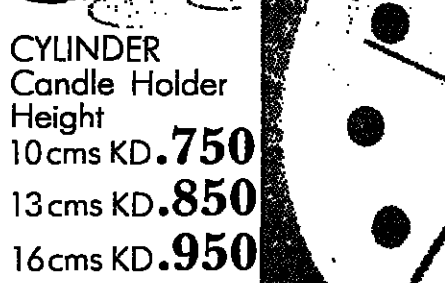
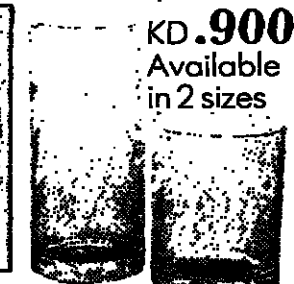
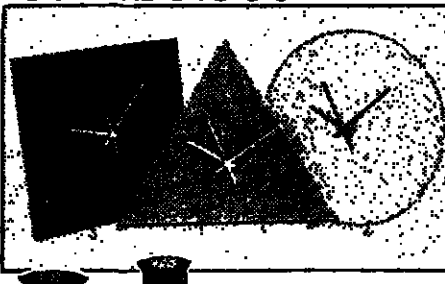
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## Sheikh Issa appeals to Iran to end war with Iraq

MANAMA, Dec 16. (Agencies): The Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, today appealed to Iran to end the 7-year-old war with Iraq, saying the international community was determined to halt the conflict.

Sheikh Issa in an address marking Bahrain's National Day described the United Nations Security Council's July 20 resolution calling for a ceasefire as the "best basis" for a peaceful solution to the war.

"The international community, which now is cognizant of the dimensions of the conflict, has demonstrated a collective determination to seek an end to this destructive war," the Amir said in a statement broadcast by Bahrain's Television and Radio networks.

The Security Council's resolution 598 demanded Iran and Iraq accept an immediate ceasefire, withdraw troops to international borders and negotiate peace. Iraq has said it will abide by the resolution if Iran does. But Iran had insisted it will only observe a ceasefire if Iraq is first branded

the aggressor. The United States is currently seeking support from other major powers for a second Security Council resolution to impose an arms embargo on Iran for failing to respond to the July 20 ceasefire call.

"We call on Iran to join with Iraq in its acceptance of the option of an honourable just solution which would be in line with Islamic teachings and international norms, along with the interests of both warring parties and the Gulf region," Sheikh Issa said.

**Threatens**  
The war now threatens neutral states in the region, he said. He stressed that the war has led to "loopholes in the security structure of the region, drawing in foreign powers and precipitating regional tension that necessitated prompt action" to contain the war from spreading.

The Amir was apparently referring to Iranian threats against Kuwait, the Gulf country closest to the warfront, and the presence of US, Soviet and European warships to protect

ships against Iranian attack. Bahrain is linked with Kuwait, along with Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates, in the Gulf Cooperation Council, an economic and defence alliance.

Sheikh Issa noted the "depth of regional security" provided by GCC.

**Conciliation**  
In an interview published in a Kuwaiti newspaper marking Bahrain's National Day, the Amir said a recent conciliation between Egypt and Arab countries will re-energise joint Arab action.

He cited Egypt's "strategic, political, economic and military weight and its 'big' role in backing the cause of the Arab nation and achieving its unity."

Answering a query, Sheikh Issa spoke of "big achievements" of the GCC and said he was confident that the GCC summit which will convene in Saudi Arabia later this month will add new accomplishments and strengthen cooperation between the council's six member states.



HH the Amir bids farewell to the President of Gambia, Dawda Kairaba Jawara.

## New Saudi bid to heal Syria's rift with Iraq

SAUDI Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdel Aziz will make a new bid this week to heal Syria's rifts with Iraq and Egypt, Al-Sayassah reported yesterday.

The newspaper said he will fly first to Baghdad on Friday and visit Damascus and Cairo later. It said his initiative seeks to follow up the reconciliation process that gained momentum at last month's Arab summit conference in Amman, Jordan.

Prince Abdullah launched the reconciliation effort to end the deep rift between Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad two years ago.

**Restore**  
The Amman summit also opened the door for Egypt's rehabilitation in the Arab world after eight years of being ostracised for its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

The summit ruled that Arab countries could restore diplomatic relations, severed after the treaty was signed, if they wished.

But hardline Syria blocked efforts to lift the suspension of Egypt's membership to the 22-nation Arab League.

Most Arab countries have restored links with Cairo. But Syria, along with five other Arab states, still refuses to do so.

King Hussein of Jordan has also been shuttling between key Arab capitals since the Nov 8 to 11 summit to accelerate the drive to reconcile Syria with Iraq and Egypt, two major Arab powers.

## Rich diet causes high cholesterol level

By Lima Al Khalafawi

A SYMPOSIUM on high cholesterol level among people in Kuwait and its treatment was held at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel yesterday.

The guest speaker, Professor G. Pogger of the Merrell Dow Research Institute at Milan, Italy, introduced the medicine Lurselle R. (Probuco) which is used for the treatment of hypercholesterolaemia.

The meeting was chaired by the head of the medical department at Sabah Hospital, Dr Hosam Al Ahmad, and attended by doctors with an interest in cardiology.

The subjects discussed included recent developments in lipidology, the positive correlation between high cholesterol levels and ischaemic heart disease, and their treatment with special reference to the anti-oxidant effect of the medicine.

Pogger said high cholesterol levels were caused by a high fat diet, environmental conditions, lack of activity and heredity.

He added that the major factors for coronary disease were hypertension, smoking, obesity, anxiety and lack of exercise. The only way to reduce the risk was to control high blood pressure, stop smoking and reduce obesity.

**List of accredited universities**  
WASHINGTON, Dec 16. (Kuna): Gulf Cooperation Council cultural counsellors and attaches in the US have decided to draft a common list of accredited American universities and colleges advisable to GCC students, Kuwaiti Cultural Counsellor Dr Mosaad Al Haroun said yesterday.

In a statement to Kuna, Dr Al Haroun said the decision to draft a common list was taken at a meeting held yesterday with the aim of boosting coordination between GCC cultural offices in the US.

He added that the GCC cultural diplomats in the American capital also agreed to take part in a June conference in Washington of the national committee of exchange students entitled "The influence of higher education in the US on GCC students".

Al Haroun pointed out that conferences also take a decision to initiate contacts with health officials in the six GCC states on a common health insurance programme for GCC students in the US.

**Present situation of Muslims painful**  
THE present situation of Muslims at all economic, political and moral levels was painful, the Dean of the Sharia Faculty at Qatar University, Dr Youssef Al Qardawi, said.

Speaking at a seminar on the opening day of the first charity week of the Islamic International Charity Authority, he said that the Islamic nation had lost its position after having been the leading one for several centuries.

He added that Muslim countries were now included in the Third World.

Dr Al Qardawi said that Muslim countries import more than 45 per cent of their foodstuffs and depend on other countries in the industrial field.

**Nouri to lead delegation**  
KUWAIT'S Minister of Education Awar Al Nouri will leave for Tunisia at the head of a delegation to attend the regular session of Arab League for Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

The six-day meeting will start next Saturday to discuss a host of Arab educational issues.

## Jawara leaves

THE visiting President of Gambia, Dawda Kairaba Jawara and the accompanying delegation yesterday left after a three-day official visit to the country.

Jawara was seen off at the airport by HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, the Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs, the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, as well as a number of ranking officials in the Amiri Diwan and the Foreign Ministry.

## Meetings

KUWAIT'S Public Works Minister, Abdel Rahman Ibrahim Al Houti yesterday received Ambassador of Bangladesh to Kuwait K.M. Shehabuddin.

During the meeting, they discussed means of developing bilateral relations.

● The Minister of Electricity and Water, Mohammed Abdul Mohsen Al Rifai yesterday received Tunisian Ambassador to Kuwait Omer Al Fezani on the occasion of ending his mission here.

● The Undersecretary of Public Works Ministry, Mohammed Abdul Hamid Al Sana'a yesterday received at his office Finland's commercial delegation headed by director-general of foreign relations.

The discussions tackled ties between the two countries and ways of enhancing them. Finland's ambassador to Kuwait attended the meeting.

## Municipality enforcing Cleanliness Law

NASER Al Ayar, the public relations director of Kuwait Municipality, said that the Municipality is doing its best to enforce Kuwait's Cleanliness Law, which includes efforts to inform people about different aspects of the law.

He said that Municipality inspectors had reported 1,300 violations since the law went into effect in July. He added that most of the violations were cited in the Capital and Shuwaikh Industrial Area and that 256 of them had been referred to investigation authorities.

Al Ayar said that a ministerial decision will be issued to appoint women inspectors who will be authorised to issue citations to Cleanliness Law violators.

## Polluted foodstuff

KUWAIT'S Public Health Undersecretary Dr Nael Al Naqib said that the ministry was not responsible for foodstuffs which had entered the country recently with high radiation content, adding that the ministry inspects any material received to ensure that it is free of radiation.

Al Naqib did not explain how the foodstuffs had entered the country, but said that importers tried any means to market polluted foodstuffs in the local market. He added that it is expected that the effects of the Soviet nuclear reactor disaster will be felt for more than 30 years since the soil was contaminated as well as plants.

**Awadi receives two envoys**  
PUBLIC Health Minister, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi yesterday received ambassadors of Jordan and Mauritania to Kuwait, Nabeel Tawfeeq Al Telhoni and Mohammed Abdel Qader Weld Dedy.

During the meeting, they reviewed ways of cooperation in health fields between Kuwait and each of Jordan and Mauritania.

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### Amiri cables

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa on the occasion of his country's National Day.

The Amir and Gambian President Dawda Jawara exchanged cables of greetings following the president's departure from Kuwait at the conclusion of a three-day state visit.

### Crown Prince cables

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday sent a cable of congratulation to the Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Sheikh Saad also sent a similar message to Bahraini Premier, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

## Energy conference follow-up meeting

A FOLLOW-UP meeting for the fourth Arab energy conference slated for March next year in Baghdad opened in Kuwait yesterday grouping representatives of Iraqi Information Ministry, the Arab Industrial Development Organisation and Opec information officials.

Acting secretary-general of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries Abdul Aziz Al Wattari said in a statement, opening the meeting, that information is responsible for explaining relationship between energy and inter-Arab cooperation.

He pointed out that the conference, scheduled for March 14 to 17, will be held in Baghdad despite that Arab country's war circumstances which did not hinder Iraq from advancing forward in various developmental fields and pursuing energy questions.

Wattari told the conferees, assembling at Opec headquarters here, that limiting energy consumption in the Arab world should avoid development's needs of energy but rather should be directed toward combating extravagance.

The two-day meeting will mainly tackle information coverage of the energy conference.

## GCC cultural activities

THE GCC general culture committee has decided to hold a number of cultural activities in the six capitals of the council's member states during 1988/90, an official said in Kuwait yesterday.

Supervisor of cultural affairs at Kuwait National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, Abdel Aziz Al Serai said the decision was set during its first meeting here last week in which directors of culture and arts of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and Kuwait were present.

The committee was set up following the second meetings of ministers in charge of culture in Riyadh last September.

The Kuwaiti official mentioned a number of activities that include a seminar on short stories to be held in Kuwait next year where two participants from each member state of the Gulf Cooperation Council will attend. He added that five prominent Arab story writers and critics will also take part which will enrich the seminar.

Al Serai said the committee will also hold cultural activities in 1988-89 in one of the European countries which will be nominated by the GCC general secretariat. He said the secretariat has nominated Italy, West Germany and Scandinavian countries.

## Trading centre unearthed

ABU DHABI, Dec 16. (Kuna): Recent excavations at the "Ad Door" archaeological site in the emirate of Umm Al Qaiwain have shown the existence of an important city and trading centre described by archaeologists as the largest of its time in the southern Gulf.

A team of Belgian archaeologists has uncovered at the site this year an almost completely plastered building dating back to the second or third century AD as well as bronze objects and fine pottery dating back a couple of thousand years.

The finds help to prove that Ad Door was a "very major site" around the first century BC to the third century AD, the English Language daily Emirates News quoted the team's leader as saying.

Professor Ernie Haerckin of the University of Ghent in Belgium, according to the paper, said the latest finds indicate Ad Door was "a city, not a village" describing it as the largest site known for the period on the Arab shores of the Gulf south of the Qatar peninsula.

The site has been chosen as the focus of a four-nation programme involving teams from Ghent, Edinburgh, Copenhagen and Lyons, who will jointly excavate and analyse its history, the paper said in a report.

It said the Danish, British and French teams will start work early next year taking over from the Belgians who return home this week.

## Aviation meeting

THE Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazzeidi yesterday held a meeting for the Civil Aviation Administration in the Kuwait international airport.

At the meeting, which was attended by general director of Civil Aviation Sheikh Jaber Al Athbi Al Sabah and a number of officials at the administration, discussion focussed on progress of work at the administration.

## Trucks stolen

THE theft of 11 Mercedes trucks and buses was reported by a Syrian to officials at the Fintas police station.

## Child killed in traffic accident

AN eight-year-old child was run over by a vanette in the Sabahiya Cooperative parking lot. He suffered several injuries and was rushed to hospital.

There were 12 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday. Two accidents took place in the capital, one in Hawalli, eight in Ahmadi, and one at Jahra.



Kuwait's Information Minister Sheikh Nasser gave officials attending the committee meeting of the Arab League Information bureaux a lunch party at the Hilton Hotel yesterday. Sheikh Nasser is seen welcoming a guest.

## Call for intensifying Arab publicity abroad

A SPECIAL committee discussing improvements to the performance of Arab League information bureaux abroad with the aim of making their activities more effective in publicising Arab causes, has stressed that appointing competent cadres is the key to the success of Arab information abroad.

Committee chairman, Kuwait's Information undersecretary, Abdul Aziz Jaafar told Kuna yesterday that the panel which resumed sitting yesterday morning emphasised the importance of Arab information abroad in rallying international support for Arab causes.

He said the committee believed that Arab information work abroad must be based on common understanding, unity and solidarity that marked the spirit of the extraordinary Arab summit in Amman last November.

## Technology

Jaafar pointed out that the panel, holding frank exchanges, suggested a review to the activities of the League's information offices, recruiting new bloods and instituting strict controls for senior appointments.

The Kuwaiti official said the committee also suggested making greater use of Arab friendship societies abroad, besides benefitting from Arab communities and councils of Arab ambassadors.

Rebutting hostile campaigns against the Arab nation also required making maximum use of advanced technology in the field of information, he went on.

**Support**  
Jaafar said a drafting committee was formed yesterday to finalise recommendations for consideration during the final session, scheduled today.

Yesterday's meeting praised Kuwait support for Arab media at the instructions of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

The committee also lauded the leading role of Kuwaiti information Minister Sheikh Nasser Al Ahmad in defending Arab causes.

## Karno seeks to boost educational ties

KUWAIT'S Minister of Education, Anwar Al Nouri yesterday received Syria's Deputy Minister of Higher Education Dr Omar Karno who is currently visiting the country.

The two sides exchanged views on bilateral and educational relations and means of developing and boosting them.

The meeting was attended by acting Education Undersecretary Abdel-Mohsen Al Said, assistant undersecretary for planning and development Rashed Al Ahmed and director of educational information centre Nasser Al Dhahi.

Earlier, Karno visited the educational information centre to acquaint himself with its activities and Kuwait's experience in the field of technical education and scientific research.

The Syrian official arrived here last night on an official five-day visit to Kuwait.

## Committee appointed

THE Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Abdul Rahman Al Ghunaim announced that a permanent committee has been appointed to coordinate activities between the Ministry of Finance and Kuwait Municipality.

The committee, to be chaired by the Municipality Director General, Rashed Al Othman, will have representatives from the Organisation and Survey Department and the Legal Department of the Municipality, in addition to a representative nominated by the Finance Ministry.

Al Ghunaim explained that the committee would review expropriation applications sent by government institutions and ministries about problems which interfere with their work; the committee would then make recommendations about the needed action.

## Seminar on vandalism

A PROFESSOR at the arts faculty of Kuwait University, Dr Adnan Al Shatti, spoke yesterday about the psychological reasons and social factors causing vandalism, at the seminar on vandalism.

Dr Kafya Ramadan of the education faculty at the University spoke about the role of information in protecting public property. She called for collective efforts to inculcate a positive understanding among the public.

The legal advisor at the Interior Ministry, Abdul Aziz Al Wahhab, estimated a research paper on legislation and its role in preserving public property.

## Brazilian armsmaker denies developing missiles for Iraq

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec 16. (Reuters): A Brazilian armsmaker has denied it was developing a ballistic missile for Iraq capable of carrying nuclear warheads or chemical weapons a distance of 300 kms.

Pedro Vial, a spokesman for the Brazilian arms manufacturer Avibras, said yesterday his company was developing a new missile but denied a claim by an expert in Stockholm that Iraq or its backers was financing the project.

**Financed**  
"It is completely false to say that Avibras's missile project is financed by a foreign government or even by the Brazilian

Army," the company official said. "We are developing the project with our own resources and are not selling missiles to any foreign country," Vial told Reuters by telephone from Sao Jose Dos Campos.

Earlier yesterday an expert on the international arms trade, said in Stockholm that the Brazilian SS-300 missile project "appears to be financed by Iraq or its supporters."

**Designed**  
Aaron Karp, who monitors the international arms trade for the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri), said Iraq could soon acquire Brazilian ballistic missiles capable

of carrying nuclear warheads or chemical weapons.

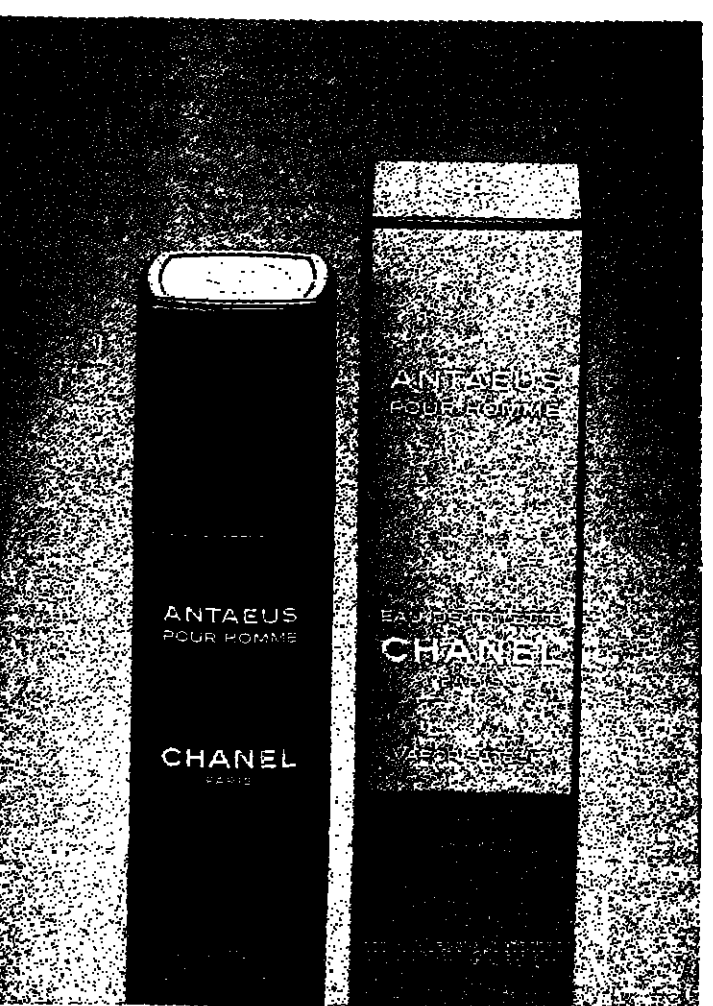
The Brazilian Foreign Ministry declined comment on study. "The foreign ministry never comments on any subject involving arms trade," a ministry spokesman told Reuters.

Vial said his company's missiles were not designed for nuclear or chemical warheads. "The SS-300, for instance, does not carry any warheads outside of those considered purely conventional," he said.

Vial said the project was being developed exclusively by Avibras. He denied there had been any outside financing or that any contracts had been signed so far.



● The draw for the Bahia Bonanza Competition was held by W J Towell and Company and Bahiense International of Germany at the Meridien Hotel recently. It was made under the supervision of representatives of the Interior Ministry and Commerce Ministry in the presence of managers of cooperative and private supermarkets. Winning numbers were drawn for 183 prizes totalling \$17,500. The winning numbers will be published in local newspapers. Picture shows the drawing of numbers.



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EVENTS

Cine Club holds film festival

Other face of Indian Cinema

INDIAN Cinema has two faces - commercial and the off-beat. Kuwait's Cine Club is to show the off-beat side of Indian films created by such well-known film makers as Satyajit Ray, Mrinal Sen, Aparna Sen, Basu Chatterjee, Guru Dutt and relative newcomers as Ramesh Sharma and Shashil Kapoor.

The festival will be held from Dec 19, Saturday, to Dec 30, Wednesday, at the auditorium of the Kuwait Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Directors Mrinal Sen and Aparna Sen and actress Geeta Sen will attend the festival. Mrinal Sen arrives in Kuwait on Friday and will take part in the festival's opening on Saturday. Aparna Sen comes on Tuesday, before her much acclaimed film 36 Chowringhee Lane is shown.

Said Cine Club director Farouk Abdul Aziz: "Non-Indian viewers would be amazed to see the advancement made by Indian film makers."

The festival covers over 20 years of development in what has been dubbed as the new wave films. Mrinal Sen's version of the Bengal famine, Akaler Sandhaney (In Search of Famine) will be shown on the opening night (Dec 19). Akaler Sandhaney with English subtitles, is a fascinating film within a film.

Satyajit Ray's Shatranj Ke Khilari (The Chess Players) (Sunday, Dec 20) is based on a short story by Munshi Prem

Chand. Set in 19th century India, Ray's first Urdu film makes a scathing comment on the decadence of nawabs (Muslim landlords). A historical movie, it revolves around Meer and Mirza (Sanjeev Kumar and Saeed Jaffrey) who are so immersed in their daily chess game that they are oblivious of the threat to their musician-poet-king, Wajid Ali Shah, the target of the East India Company. A narrator and history link the central theme with the political chess game of the company.

**Plight**  
The Indian woman's plight and her total degradation is the subject of K.G. George's Malayalam film, Adamame Varyyalla (Adam's Rib), which will be shown on Dec 21 (Monday). Through the lives of Vasantha, a career woman; Alice, a bored middle-aged wife and Ammini, a housemaid, the film shows exploitation of women and their passive acceptance.

With only two films to her credit, Aparna Sen has carved a niche for herself in Indian cinema. She graduated from acting to direction with Shashi Kapoor's 36 Chowringhee Lane and won much worldwide acclaim. Paroma, her second film has also been well-received in India. Both films are to be shown during the festival. 36 Chowringhee Lane with Jennifer Kendal, Dabashree Roy and Dhritiman Chatterjee, will

be shown on Dec 22 (Tuesday). On Wednesday, Paroma, featuring Raakhee, will be screened.

Ramesh Sharma's New Delhi Times (Dec 26) perhaps, the best political film, starring Shashi Kapoor, also makes a comment on the manipulation of the press by politicians. The story is loosely based on Arun Shourie's experiences.

A film by Mrinal Sen will be shown on Dec 27, Tuesday. It would either be Genesis, his latest work, or Khander. Both movies feature Shabana Azmi and Naseeruddin Shah.

A film that blends commercial and off-beat cinema is Shashil Kapoor's Masoom (The Innocent), on Dec 28, based on an idea from Erich Segal's The Man, Woman and Child.

Guru Dutt's almost autobiographical work, Kaagaz Ke Phool (The Paper Flowers) (Dec 29) features Dutt and Waheeda Rehman, predicting his suicide years later.

The festival ends with Basu Chatterjee's film Sara Akash (The Whole Sky), Dec 29, adapted from a well-known novel, takes a sensitive look at the problems faced by two newly-weds, the system of dowry and the joint-family unit.

All films will be shown at 7.30 pm at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Children are not admitted. FA

Poor value for money



Table Talk

BY DINAH

THE price of a meal often bears no relation to the quality of the food. On occasions some of the best food I've eaten in Kuwait has been in the cheapest restaurants and some of the worst in the most expensive ones. Obviously the bill you pay doesn't simply cover the cost of the food and the chef's skill, but represents a whole range of services such as the furniture, decor, tableware and the wages of the waiters, cleaners and kitchen staff. In pricey restaurants such as the Dhaw of the SAS you may pay over KD10 per head but still feel you are getting good value for money, as the surroundings are so unique. In others such as the Moghul Mahal you might be so pleased with the quality of the food and the low prices, that you totally forget the spartan surroundings.

This week we visited a restaurant that falls into neither of these categories. The Silver Star, situated in the basement of the Al Wataniya Building in Salem Al Mubarak Street, Salmiya. Our total bill for a one-course meal of assorted Chinese dishes came to KD12.200 for two people. Let's take a look at what we received for our money. We decided to eat a la carte, since the set menus were such poor value for money by comparison. A set meal for one person, including soups and desserts costs KD7, for two KD16.500, for three KD27.5 and for four KD32. The a la carte menu offered a range of Chinese soups, beef, chicken, duck and seafood dishes as well as rice and vegetables. The dishes were overpriced when compared to Chinese restaurants in Kuwait (Caesar's or the Lantern House, for example), although the portions were, about, the same size.

**Traces**  
The Prawns with Bamboo Shoots and Vegetables we ordered didn't materialise, but we were served with another prawn dish. At KD3 it consisted of a generous helping of fresh prawns cooked with tinned mushrooms and peas, swimming in a sauce heavily spiked with monosodium glutamate. The Duck with Cashew Nuts at KD2.250 had a similar sauce with traces of ginger and bamboo shoots but was

far too greasy for my taste, the fat having been left on the pieces of duck.

The barbecued beef with tomato slices at KD1.850 comprised squares of stewing quality beef, soggy lettuce and pieces of tomato, drowning in another M.S.G. based sauce. The Silver Star Special Fried Rice at KD1.600 was disappointing, consisting of peas, chunks of egg, cashew nuts and rice. Normally a mixed fried rice would contain a much wider range of ingredients such as shrimps, chicken strips, carrots etc. By far the best dish was the Chinese Salad at KD1. Finely shredded cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce and strips of meat in a vinegar dressing, it made a refreshing contrast to the rather cloying sauces of the other dishes. Mineral water was charged at KD.650 per bottle and we finished our meal with instant coffee at KD.350 each.

The Silver Star is a small restaurant of about fourteen tables. It has a very inviting ornate exterior and inside is decorated in traditional Chinese style with red and gold panelled ceiling, dragons, fans, beautiful painted Chinese glass lanterns, mother of pearl wall plaques and of course a tank of fish. Suitable Chinese music plays quietly in the background, but the lighting is too dim. The tableware is mismatched and rather basic and chopsticks are not provided at the table.

The staff are extremely courteous and apologized for the very slow service. Although the Silver Star is popular — two thirds of the tables were occupied when we were there — only two waiters appeared to be in attendance. We had to wait 12 minutes before our order was taken, a further 26 minutes for the food to arrive and then faced more delays when we asked for the bill. Perhaps we had chosen a bad day when they were short of staff, but then a 10% service charge is added to the bill at the Silver Star, and for that one does not expect to have to wait.

**Restaurant: The Silver Star**  
Type: Chinese restaurant  
Meal: One course a la carte  
Price: KD12.200 (for two)  
Star rating (out of five):  
FOOD: \*\*  
SERVICE: \*\*  
ATMOSPHERE: \*\*\*  
VALUE FOR MONEY: \*

PRAYERS

Fajr	5.12 am
Zuhr	11.44
Asr	2.34 pm
Maghreb	4.53
Isha	6.15
FRIDAY	5.12 am
Fajr	11.45
Friday prayer	2.35 pm
Asr	4.53
Maghreb	6.16
Isha	

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1	1.35 World News via Satellite	KTV 2
9.00 Holy Quran	2.15 Holy Quran 'Closedown	6.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons		6.10 Voltron: cartoons
10.00 The World of Disney: film for children		6.30 The Electric Company
11.00 Open University		7.30 Documentary on Bhutan
11.30 Zaad Al Muslim: religious programme.		8.00 News in English
12.00 Ali Al Zaneq: featuring Farooq Al Fishawi, Huda Sultan, Abu Bakr Ezzat and Laila Fawzi.		8.40 Max Headroom: action thriller
1.00 News Summary		9.30 P.M. Magazine: "Travels"
1.20 World News via Satellite		10.30 Late Night Movie: "The Seven Ups." Unofficial sequel of the French Connection.
2.00 Liqa Al Khamis: roundup of local events		12.00 News Summary: Magazine D'Actualite, Closedown
4.00 Sanshiro: cartoons		
4.30 News Summary		
4.40 The Persuaders: featuring Roger Moore, Tony Curtis.		
6.00 Alwan: presented by Rolah Al Farah		
7.00 News Summary		
7.05 Show Jumping		
7.30 Rahlat Al Alam Majnoun: Arabic serial.		
8.30 With Islam: hosted by Dr Khalid Al Madhkour		
9.00 News in Arabic		
10.00 From People's Art		
10.15 Mudafan Mafroushat Lil Ajar: Arabic feature film.		
12.00 Late Night Variety Show: hosted by Aminah Al Sharran.		
1.30 News Summary		
	1.00 News Summary via Satellite	
	2.15 Holy Quran 'Closedown	
		FRIDAY
		2.00 Holy Quran
		2.10 Cartoons
		2.30 Sports Studio: Big League Soccer European football and local football matches.
		7.00 Zorro: cartoons
		7.30 Side Kicks: Arnie helps a woman.
		8.00 News in English
		8.40 The Outlaws: "Madrid".
		9.30 Weekend: local programme
		10.00 What A Country: "Victor at an Exhibition."
		10.30 Crime Story: "Strange Bedfellows."
		11.30 News Summary: Magazine D'Actualite, Closedown

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Al Hayat Pharmacy  
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Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

**Free Atelier**  
Over 90 paintings by Palestinian artist Mohammad Boushaq are on show at the Free Atelier Gallery, Arabian Gulf St. The show has been organized by the Kuwait Society for Formative Arts. Open daily from 8.30 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until Dec. 22.

**Sultan Gallery**  
Exhibition of Prisse D'Avennes L'Art Arabe (1877), open daily except Friday, 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, at the Sultan Gallery, Al Soor St.

SOCIAL

**Software Exhibition**  
The British Council, Mansouriya, is holding an exhibition of books and software "Science and Maths through Microcomputers" from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 8 pm, until Thursday.

**Moods and Melody**  
"Passage to Music Time" is the title of a concert of Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil film songs, which will be presented by Moods and Melody at the Labour Union Hall on Dec 18, 5.30 pm. Tel: 4338579 for details.

Malayalee Drama

Vishwabharati Theatre, Abbasiya, will present a Malayalee Drama, written by Thomas Perumilly, on Dec 25, at the Indian Embassy auditorium.

**Bangladeshi Association**  
The Association will present a cultural show on Dec 18 at 5.30 pm at the Sharq Coop auditorium to celebrate Victory Day. All are welcome.

**ASK Alumni Dinner**  
Friends and graduates of the American School, Kuwait, will hold an alumni dinner at Regency Palace Hotel on Jan 3. The Arabic buffet will begin at 8 pm. For details phone Mrs. Suzy Jones — 5314568.

**Children's Party**  
Children's Party will be held at Messilah beach hotel on Dec 17, 3 pm. Fancy dress and many festive games.

**Nirjhar Cultural Group**  
A discussion followed by a musical sketch will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Dec 25 by the Nirjhar Cultural Group. The programme is being organised to celebrate the Victory Day of Bangladesh.

SPORTS

**Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club**  
Thursday: Fancy dress party. For tickets and details contact Ron Hughes — 5630113.

Bowling Games

Pre-Christmas bowling games will be held at 300 Club, Silver Tower, on Thursday (6.30 pm) and Friday (4.30 pm and 6.30 pm). Open to men and women. For details contact Manny Inserto at Club 300. Today is the last day for registration.

HOTELS

**At the Meridien**  
La Brasserie offers an extensive buffet and a la carte service for lunch and dinner; ideal place for family outing or a business luncheon.

Tonight is barbecue night around the swimming pool featuring a selection of mezzeh, salads, barbecued meat and seafood, live music.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
Al Dana features fresh seafood every Wednesday in the "Sea Drama on Ice" promotion. Carmen Trio provide background music.

**At the Hilton**  
La Palma, the all-day dining restaurant open from 6.30 am to midnight, features Oriental, Continental and International cuisine; an array of sweets and desserts offered for lunch and dinner. A full-American buffet breakfast is available from 6.30 am to 11 am.

CINEMA

**Al Andalus**  
Carioca Tiger  
Starring: Michel Colby

**Al Salmiya**  
Choose Me  
Starring: Genevieve Bujold, Keith Carradine

**Al Hamra**  
Al Beit Al Mal'oun (Arabic)  
Starring: Magda Al Khattab, Kamal Shinnawi, Samir Sabri

**Drive-in**  
Laa'nat Al Maat (Arabic)  
Starring: Hatem Zulfikar, Imaan, Yusuf Shaaban

**Al Firdous**  
Mazloom (Hindi)  
Starring: Suresh Oberoi, Anita Raj, Mandakani

**Fahad Open-Air**  
Kora Kagaz (Hindi)  
Starring: Jaya Bhaduri

**Ahmadi Drive-In**  
L'Adam Kifayah Al Ulaa (Arabic)

**Al-Fahadheel**  
Sidatru (Bengali)

**Al Jahra**  
Al Fatimat Al Muqalat (Arabic)

**Granada**  
Hasnawaat Fi Khair (Arabic)

**Salaibikhat**  
Pensimhami (Malayalam)

**Al Jleeb**  
Hamari Jung (Hindi)

**FRIDAY**  
Al Jahra  
Protector

**Granada**  
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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

EDUCATION is that which remains when one has forgotten everything he learned in school — Albert Einstein, German-born physicist (1879-1955).

## Arms treaty—a win for Shultz

By Michael Battye

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): At a summit lunch held in his honour last week, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev stopped himself in mid-speech to shake hands with two men he credited with concluding the new superpower arms control pact.

For Secretary of State George Shultz, whom Gorbachev honoured along with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, it was a sweet moment.

It marked a major victory for Shultz—who celebrated his 67th birthday on Sunday—in the often bitter government-in-fighting for which Washington is famous.

Since he took the job of secretary of state more than five years ago until very recently, Shultz battled with Pentagon hardliners who did not share his enthusiasm for arms control.

He has also been hit with criticism for his role in the Iran-Contra scandal and what some analysts called his neglect of areas such as the Middle East and southern Africa.

But last week, when President Reagan and Gorbachev signed the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Force (INF) Treaty, Shultz basked in the victory of having shepherded through the world's first major disarmament pact and the first arms control treaty of the Reagan presidency.

**Refused**  
Through intensive talks with Shevardnadze in Moscow, Geneva and Washington, Shultz and the Soviet foreign minister refused to give up until the long-sought treaty was complete—just two weeks before the third Reagan-Gorbachev summit.

Even Shultz's critics gave him plaudits.  
"He showed himself to be a man with a strong personality, obviously very bright and tough in a certain way," said Bruce Weinrod, chief analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation, usually critical of Shultz's pragmatic approach to East-West relations.

Those who know Shultz say the treaty was a tribute to his quiet persistence—which helped him outlast a cast of Pentagon critics.

Missing at last week's lunch was Caspar Weinberger, who quit as defence secretary last month after years of suspicion of

the wisdom of signing any arms treaties with Moscow.

Not was there Richard Perle, who, until his resignation as assistant secretary of defence earlier this year, had seemed even more opposed to the INF Treaty than Weinberger.

Also absent was Frank Gaffney, another Pentagon official who opposed the treaty and was forced out just weeks ago by Weinberger's more pragmatic successor, Frank Carlucci.

"His (Gaffney's) job," said one senior State Department official closely involved in arms control talks, "seemed to be to turn up at meetings to say no."

James Blaker, a former Pentagon official, said Shultz's performance on the treaty—which banned missiles with ranges from 300-3,400 miles (500-5,000 km)—was almost flawless.

"Shultz just plain outmanoeuvred Cap (Weinberger) and Richard (Perle)," said Blaker, now an arms control analyst at the private Hudson Institute.

"He used his access to the president and energised his staff to fight the bureaucratic battles at a lower level, and that's no mean feat," he said.

**Knock**  
Echoed Robert Hunter, an analyst with the private Centre for Strategic and International Studies said: "There is no question that Shultz was of considerable help in keeping things moving while the Pentagon was trying to knock things back."

But the analysts said that the INF accord, and a possible so-called Start Treaty halving superpower arsenals of long-range missiles that Reagan and Gorbachev want to sign next year, may be the highest marks of Shultz's tenure.

"When we talk of Shultz's successes, we are talking about a very specific range of issues, which are those which President Reagan cares about, INF and Stars," Hunter said.  
Hunter and other analysts said Shultz—who has held other posts in past Republican administrations—had made little or no impact in key foreign policy areas.

They said he neglected possibilities for forging a peace between Israel and the Arab nations, of backing an effective policy in Central America and getting nowhere in crisis-torn southern Africa.

## Malta wants to shed its pro-Libyan image

By Joseph Scicluna

VALETTA, (Reuters): Colonel Muammar Khaddafi's Libyan colours have been firmly nailed to Malta's mast for 16 years—now the island's new government wants to see them taken down.

Prime Minister Edward Fenech Adami's six-month old administration would like to strengthen ties with the European Economic Community (EEC) and attract investment and tourists from the United States.

But spokesmen for the ruling Nationalist Party fear the pro-Libyan image could harm, if not torpedo, its efforts.

The old relationship returned to haunt Adami recently when French customs seized the ship Eksund and its 150 tonnes of arms destined for the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

The Eksund was in Malta for a month and a half before it sailed on Oct 12, and foreign media initially speculated that Libyan arms could have been loaded there, although later reports alleged they were put aboard in Tripoli shortly after the ship left Malta.

Libya has denied charges that it had anything to do with the shipment.

**Reacted**  
Malta reacted sharply and swiftly to the initial speculation. An official statement issued here declared: "There could be no way 150 tonnes of cargo could have been loaded without the knowledge of the port authorities."

And Adami complained of exaggerations in the foreign press. He said the island's image had been damaged and "the impression was given that Malta has submitted to Libyan policy."

One of the problems Adami faces on this issue is that Libya is about the only country with a trade balance in Malta's favour and has an appreciable invest-

ment in its industries.  
So Malta plans to keep the commercial and cultural links with Tripoli, forged by the previous Labour government during 16 years in power—but at some safe distance from Khaddafi's revolutionary policies.

Foreign Minister Vincent Tabone says Tripoli has been told that Malta will no longer honour a clause in one treaty binding it to an exchange of military information.

Former Labour Prime Minister Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici acted on that clause to warn Libya of approaching aircraft when America bombed Tripoli in April 1986 because of its alleged terrorist links.

Washington was furious, and relations with the United States, never too rosy, were further soured.

**Change**  
The United States, since then, has noted Malta's change in policy and Secretary of State George Shultz is reported to have called it "wise". But feelings about possible US investment in industry here have not yet precipitated any rush of funds.

The new government aims to keep good relations with all states, including the Eastern bloc, Arab countries and North Korea which, under Labour, supplied Malta with arms in a secret accord revealed by Adami.

Tabone has visited all states on North Africa's seaboard, including Libya's bitter opponent Egypt.

Political sources said Egypt is concerned at Malta's long delay in bringing to trial the sole surviving hijacker in the bloody seizure of an Egyptian Boeing 737 airliner in 1985.

Egyptian commandos stormed the plane at Valletta Airport, but 60 of the 96 passengers and crew died in a blazing shoot-out in the worst ever incident of its kind. Two other hijackers were killed.

## Newsreaders on trial

SIR: "What are the cases today", asked the presiding judge.  
"Your Honour, today we have the KTV 2 news team on trial."

"Proceed."

Case No. 1.  
Your Honour, this lady has a hoarse voice, wears funny make-up and always suffers from cough and cold. She frequently smiles and flirts with cameramen while reading the news.

Verdict: Remove her vocal chords. Spoil her make-up so that she never reads the news again.

Case No. 2.  
Sir, this man never opens his mouth while reading the news. Verdict: Stitch his lips.

Case No. 3.  
Sir, this girl does not know English. Yet, she is a news reader.

Verdict: Admit her in Lower K.G. at an English school. She should not be allowed to read the news until she graduates.

Case No. 4.  
Sir, this woman has the habit of speed-reading the news.

Verdict: Implant sharp needles in her throat to enable her to slow down.

Case No. 5.  
"Your Honour, the next case is the most important one. This man has been charged with an overall responsibility for writing, editing, interrupting, selecting and showing news broadcasts. He has allegedly allowed 'silent news clips' from foreign countries."

Verdict: Tie him to the satellite and send him to orbit around the earth.

They had all been sentenced. The expatriates gathered in the court room responded ecstatically and shouted: "Hip, hip, hooray!"

I was also laughing. I was rudely awakened by my wife. Alas, it was all a dream. If only my dream came true....

M. Kadri, Safat.

## A remarkable teacher

SIR: The parents of students of the Indian School, Salimya, are baffled over the sacking of Appukuttan. For 11 years he has maintained law and order in a turbulent school and taught a tough subject like mathematics.

Appu's work needs acclaim. He was instrumental in improving the results of the school. If the results of the Indian School speak of volumes, then a lion's share of the credit goes to Appu.

To survive in Indian School, Salimya, one has to walk the razor's edge. Apart from teaching, he has to keep the innumerable busy-bodies particularly members of the board in good humour. Every member wants to extract his pound of flesh. The incident for which Appu was removed was a trivial matter which deserved no more than a mild tick off. The board could not sack eight others; so the wrath fell on Appu.

The board could not stomach an upright, courteous, competent and incorruptible teacher, who would not do its bidding. Appu's dismissal confirms the fact that the board is misusing its authority. This is the kind of behaviour which brings down the morale of the teachers and destroys an institution.

Rakesh Malhotra, Kuwait.

## Reinstate Appukuttan

SIR: We are profoundly shocked to learn of the dismissal of Appukuttan, who is one of the most hardworking and brilliant teachers of the Indian School, Salimya. He is one of the architects of the reputation of this institution. In terminating his services just prior to the Model exams and then final Board exams, the authorities have shown utter disregard for the education and future of the students, that too of the senior-most classes.

We appeal to the authorities to show magnanimity and allow Appukuttan to continue to teach at least up to the end of the term and not disrupt the studies in the middle of the session. Let not the innocent children be the victims of your personal differences.

Parents of senior class students.

## An important addition

SIR: Congratulations for publishing the exclusive financial news feature. It is all the more important due to the recent unprecedented global stock market crash. Since the Black Monday in October the market has remained extremely volatile, and may remain so for some weeks to come. Therefore, the stock market reports are very useful to many readers.

In Kuwait, the expatriate communities try to invest their savings in their home countries. I request you to provide wider coverage of economic news of their countries in the Arab Times financial pages.

Readers have been deprived of the Weekend magazine for nearly two years. Perhaps, Arab Times suspended its publication due to economic reasons.

Kuwait's economy is now picking up. There are encouraging signs in your newspaper from the rising number of advertisements. We hope you will restart the weekend magazine as soon as possible and give us the joy of enjoying it. Could you make it a New Year's gift to readers?

Dr K. M. Maqsoodur Rahman, Safat.

## Publish fund and unit prices

SIR: The timely introduction of the Business and Finance section is a welcome addition in your daily. You could enhance the facility by adding "offshore

and overseas" unit trusts and funds.

Midas, in his series of articles, has often advised investors to buy shares in such funds. The publication of fund and unit prices will be very useful.

If space is a problem, Arab Times could split up the fund prices and publish the prices on two days. Since the price of funds does not change drastically daily, this will still provide adequate information to most readers.

G. R. Mehdiratta, Safat.

## Impose ban on smoking in buses

SIR: Smoking has been banned on subways in London after it was reported that the Underground fires were caused by a cigarette. This clearly shows that some careless person threw an unextinguished cigarette without considering the consequences.

The law enforcers cannot evade responsibility. They should have considered the possibility by applying the rule "prevention is better than cure."

"Carelessness on Kuwait's buses has acquired tragic proportions. Commuters enjoy smoking and then toss the unextinguished cigarettes inside the bus."

In winter, the situation is unbearable. Most passengers close the windows in the bus. Others insist on smoking, creating a pungent odour and smoke inside the bus. People ignore the "No smoking" sign. Before any tragic incident—like a fire takes place, the authorities must enforce the ban on smoking in buses.

S. A. Hussain, Safat.

## Show films from different nations

SIR: Kuwait is a cosmopolitan city. Expats from over 50 nations live and work here in close harmony.

Indisputably, the cheapest media of entertainment for

them is the TV. Many spend quite a lot of time watching KTV 2. Presently, it is dominated by programmes in English language.

However, there are many good features as well as TV films produced by different nations in their own languages. Many such films have been screened in international film festivals. Instead of crowding KTV 2 with English language programmes, I request the authorities to consider telecasting these films from different nations with sub-titles in English language or, if this is an expensive process, by giving synopsis in-between so that viewers can follow the story.

This will help understand the diversified cultures, customs and manners of different nations and foster a bond of fraternity so badly needed in these days of hatred and enmity around the world. Kuwait TV could be one of the right media for such a laudable cause and I wish that they take the lead.

C.K. Satyraj, Safat.

## Unsporting KIFF

SIR: The Indian community does a great job in promoting sports, football in particular. But when politics, groupism and favouritism creep in through the back door the motto of promoting sports vanishes.

One recent incident resulted in the disqualification of the winning team from a tournament, because of unsporting attitude of the governing body, KIFF (Kuwait India Football Federation) under which all football tournaments are conducted.

I witnessed the match and cannot recall any specific incident taking place so as to disqualify D'Assisi Boys, the winning team.

I hope the KIFF will take a second look and declare the D'Assisi Boys as winners and help conclude the tournament.

Angelo V. Fernandes, Safat.



## No dirty trick

SIR: This refers to the letter "Inaccurate balance" (AT, Dec 10-11) by C.J. Das.

We wish to clarify that Air-India does not use any exclusive weighing machine at the Kuwait International Airport. Weighing machines at the airport are provided by the Civil Aviation Department and all the airlines operating at the Kuwait Airport use the same weighing machine.

Under the circumstances, describing the personal experience of Mr Das as a dirty trick on the part of Air-India, is very unkind, to say the least.

P. R. Kanga, Manager, Air-India.

## Get us news on Boney M

SIR: I like to read about the row between Princess Diana and Prince Charles, but I want to know more about the pop group Boney M who embraced Islam recently.

I searched in many book-shops in Kuwait but not a single magazine or journal cared to write about them. I hope it is not a deliberate news blackout.

I request the news agencies to get us some news about them.

Gulam Ahmed Sheikh, Khaitan.

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## Today is Bhutan's National Day

# Transition from internal strife to era of peace and prosperity

THIMBU: The National Day of Bhutan, Dec 17, signifies the transition of the kingdom from turmoil and internal strife to an era of peace and growing prosperity.

On Dec 17, 1907, Bhutan's first hereditary king, Ugyen Wangchuk, was unanimously elected by the leading religious and political representatives and thereafter ruled Bhutan until 1926.

Before King Ugyen Wangchuk, Bhutan lacked a strong central authority, but his installation was the answer to the country's problems and this far-sighted, strong and able leader became known as Bhutan's man of destiny.

The present ruler, King Jigme Singye Wangchuk, uses the National Day celebration as an

opportunity to visit different, and often remote, districts every year in order to focus attention on local development activities.

Bhutan has strong economic ties with its large southern neighbour, India, and has been gradually solidifying its international identity.

It currently maintains embassies in Kuwait, Dhaka and New Delhi and also has Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York and Geneva.

Bhutan is an active and genuine supporter of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Saarc) and recently hosted the association's annual summit.

Until 1961 the country followed a policy of strict isolationism, but with the first Five Year Plan of that year it has opened its



Kuwait's Information Minister Sheikh Nasser (left) with King Jigme Singye Wangchuk.

giving telephone and telex links to the rest of the world.

A spectacularly beautiful country, Bhutan is often described as the Switzerland of the Himalayas and indeed there are

many similarities.

Agriculture is the most important economic activity and over 90 per cent of the people work on the land.

The government has also concentrated its efforts on improving the education system. The first schools were opened in the late 1950's and over 10 per cent of the population of 1.2 million are now enrolled in state schools.

The first batch of students graduated from the country's first college in November 1986.

The Sixth Five Year Plan was launched in April 1987 and was carefully based on the needs and views of the population as a whole. The ultimate goal is economic self-reliance.

One of the government's recent successes has been the introduction of free medical

services to all Bhutanese and adequate facilities are now available in all the major population centres. Traditional Bhutanese herbal medicine is also very popular.

Bhutan has enjoyed excellent relations with Kuwait since the Royal Bhutanese Consulate was first founded here in September 1983. This was upgraded to an Embassy in April 1986 and the Kuwaiti ambassador to India is also accredited to Bhutan. Relations were further strengthened by the visit of Kuwait's Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah who was enthralled by the beauty and cultural riches of Bhutan. Sheikh Nasser's visit culminated in the signing of an information and cultural agreement between Kuwait and Bhutan.

## Bangladeshis celebrate Victory Day

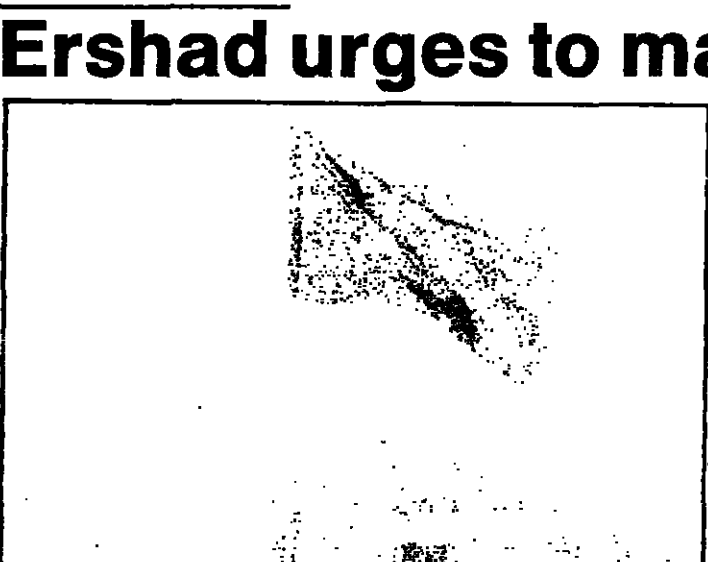
BANGLADESHIS in Kuwait yesterday celebrated their country's Victory Day. A flaghoisting ceremony was held at the embassy premises. K.M. Shehabuddin, the Ambassador of Bangladesh in Kuwait hoisted the national flag while a smartly turned out contingent of Bangladesh Air Force personnel, now on deputation to Kuwait, saluted and the students of Bangladesh school, sang the National Anthem. A large number of Bangladeshis attended the function.

The ambassador emphasised the importance of unity among Bangladeshis. He also read out the messages of President Hosain Mohammad Ershad and Foreign Minister Humayun Rasheed Choudhury.

Ershad in his message said: "Today is the great Victory Day. On this day 16 years ago we earned victory at the cost of unlimited sacrifices resulting in the emergence of an independent and sovereign Bangladesh in the atlas of the world. I extend my felicitations to the countrymen on this auspicious occasion."

"The victory, which the nation has achieved had not come as a gift or present from anybody. For this the nation had to pay a very heavy price and we have achieved the historic victory as a result of sacrifices of the people from all strata and united armed struggle. On this historic day I remember those millions of martyrs, who did not consider too great a sacrifice for the freedom of their motherland. Their ideals and self sacrifice will remain as a source of inspiration for us in all days to come."

"The main objective of the great War of Independence was to consolidate independence and sovereignty as well as to establish a democratic social system and achieve economic emancipation of the majority of the people. We have been working tirelessly for the last six years to that end. As a



Bangladesh Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin hoisting his country's national flag. (Photo by Javed Basra)

result of united endeavours we have been able to achieve success and progress in all the spheres of our national life. New dynamism has been infused in our development efforts through implementation of people-oriented reforms and revolutionary programmes. As a result, the nation has got a new sense of direction. In international arena the prestige and honour of the nation has been enhanced. All

sections of people are the claimants of these successes as their patriotism and sincerity had worked behind these achievements."

The President went on: "We must not forget that peace and stability are the prerequisites for economic progress and prosperity. The main hindering factors for independence and sovereignty are anarchy and indiscipline which not only increase the suf-

ferings of the people but also hinder development and progress. As a result independence and sovereignty are threatened. So it is the sacred responsibility of all patriotic citizens to build up a united resistance against anarchy and indiscipline and to protect the independence and sovereignty of the country."

"Arrangements are being made to hold parliamentary elections with a view to establishing democracy on a firm foundation. I believe from the core of my heart that there is no alternative to democracy for ensuring socio-economic development as well as stability and progress."

"I appeal to all irrespective of party affiliations to come forward, let us make our utmost contribution to create an everlasting democratic institution."

"Let us maintain a peaceful and stable atmosphere in the society to build a self-reliant economy and lead the country to the path of progress and prosperity. Let us take a solemn pledge to engage all our efforts to establish a happy, prosperous and exploitation free democratic society imbued with the consciousness of the great War of Independence. On this auspicious day let this be our firm pledge."

## Relations

The Foreign Minister said in his message: "On the happy occasion of the 16th anniversary of the Victory Day, I extend to all my countrymen, both at home and abroad, my heartiest felicitations and join them in paying our highest tribute to the martyrs of the War of Liberation."

"By the Grace of Almighty Allah, Bangladesh has been able to attain a position of honour and respect in the comity of nations. This has been possible through the dynamic leadership

of President Ershad. Our foreign policy is forward-looking. We believe in the policy of friendship and co-operation in our external relations with a view to attain lasting and meaningful peace based on equity and justice among nations of the world. I would particularly mention here that Bangladesh has very cordial and brotherly relations with the State of Kuwait. Our two countries have been cooperating with each other in the highest tradition of Islamic brotherhood."

"We have made considerable

progress in developing the national economy to contain poverty and ensure social justice. Our citizens living abroad have made important contributions to this process and we are proud of them. The policy of friendship that Bangladesh follows can be effectively pursued through the initiative and good work of our citizens living abroad. I pray to Almighty Allah to help them in the performance of their task."

"I take this opportunity to wish all my countrymen further success and happiness."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1531 — Pope Clement VII starts inquisition in Lisbon, Portugal.
- 1538 — Pope Paul III excommunicates England's King Henry VIII.
- 1638 — Pere Joseph Francois de Tremblay, Cardinal Richelieu's secret agent, dies.
- 1718 — England declares war on Spain.
- 1788 — Russian Army under Gregory Potemkin takes Ochakov on Black Sea.
- 1885 — France acquires control of Madagascar's foreign relations.
- 1903 — Orville and Wilbur Wright have first successful airplane flight in history, soaring over sand dunes near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina (US).
- 1908 — Ottoman parliament holds first meeting.
- 1914 — Abbas II is deposed, and Prince Hussein Kemel becomes Khedive of Egypt, over which Britain proclaims a protectorate.
- 1922 — Last British troops leave Irish free state.
- 1939 — German battleship Graf Spee is scuttled off Uruguay to prevent it from falling into British hands in World War II.
- 1941 — Japanese troops begin invasion of North Borneo in World War II.
- 1969 — Algeria and Tunisia settle border dispute and sign 20-year friendship treaty.
- 1971 — India and Pakistan end their two-week war, with India in charge in East Pakistan.
- 1985 — Uganda's military government and its guerrilla rivals sign peace treaty dividing power between them and ending almost five-year civil war.
- 1986 — Vietnam's top three leaders resign after months of self-criticism over failings in leadership.





## What to do, what to do

By Keith Wells

I KNOW that many readers fear  
A mighty bomb that might land near  
Or else a missile going CRUNCH  
Right beside them during lunch  
So I'd like to say a word or two  
About the things that you can do  
To avoid a silk-worm in your stew.  
The easiest thing is to go away  
They don't have rockets in Bombay  
But most folks can't afford to go  
We have to stay right here and so  
I'm hired to tell you not to worry  
Things won't happen in a hurry  
And every embassy's got a plan  
For what to do when it hits the fan  
They'll tell you 'get together with your mates  
And we will give you roller skates

To help you make a getaway  
And live to fight another day,  
So don't be frightened or afraid  
Remember the silk-worms are China made  
And the guys in Fao don't find it easy  
Reading instructions in Chinese  
The other things to keep in mind  
If a bomb your flat should find  
Forget your babies and your wife,  
Just grab the vital things in life

Your passport, residence and papers  
For if you lose them then the capers  
To get replacements will be a hell  
Far worse than simple shot and shell.  
One last word before I end  
If the worse should happen one weekend  
Forget about getting on a plane  
The airport scene will be insane  
And do not think to drive away

For the chaos on the motorway  
With people driving like crazy cattle  
Will be much worse than any battle  
Much the safest thing to do  
Is stay at home, watch KTV 2  
They'll soothe and comfort all the nation  
With the Lullaby of the Bilateral Relation.

So calm yourself and take your rest  
Remember all is for the best  
And any invaders would earn our pity  
If they landed in Entertainment City  
Imagine one of war's most foul surprises  
To be caught by Touristic Enterprises  
A horde of revolutionary boasters  
Spinning round on roller coasters.  
It's sure to make them very sick  
And want to go home very quick.  
Leave dear Kuwait in peace serene  
Go somewhere else to vent their spleen.

## The Art Buchwald Column

### Gorbachev's mail

how you can own a piece of  
America.  
Sincerely,  
Andy Krulwich

Dear Mikhail,  
I saw what you said to  
Brokaw about human  
rights and I agree with your  
headline policy. I want you  
to do something about my  
cousin Duba. I'm  
requesting this for your  
benefit, not his.

Duba can be one swift  
punch in the neck to anyone  
who is trying to preserve  
the Soviet way of life. He's  
always yelling at KGB  
people in the streets and  
meeting with  
newspaper-men in his one-  
room apartment and  
printing underground  
poems criticising your  
wife's clothes. You would  
be doing yourself a great  
favour if you put him and  
his entire family on the next  
plane to the United States,  
so Duba would become  
Reagan's problem and not  
yours.

You don't owe me  
anything for this  
suggestion. I figure Duba  
has made your people

suffer enough.  
Lenny  
"Hollywood" Domyan

Dear Mr Gorbachev,  
I understand the treaty  
you wrote with Ronald  
Reagan requires both  
countries to destroy all  
intermediate-range nuclear  
missiles. I have a question  
to ask. Where are you  
going to bury the  
warheads? (If you haven't  
decided yet, may I put in a  
good word for Cleveland?)  
Ziggy from the Carryout

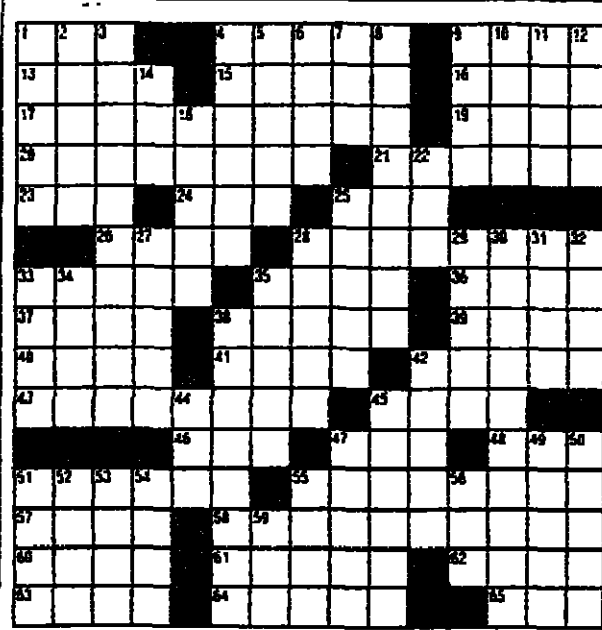
Dear Mr Gorbachev,  
You said in your  
interview that you tell your  
wife everything. Does she  
tell you everything in  
return? For example, has  
she ever said, "Mikhail  
Sergeyevich, although you  
are the leader of the non-  
free world, I am one of the  
few people who knows you  
never throw your socks into  
the laundry hamper."  
Peter the Great Jr.

Dear Mr General  
Secretary,  
I wish to inform you that



I was very hurt that you  
would talk to Tom Brokaw  
before you talked to me.  
After all, I'm the one you  
have to sign the treaty with.  
Mr Brokaw may be the  
chief anchorman of NBC,  
but I would like to remind  
you that I am not a potted  
plant.  
Sincerely,  
Ron Reagan  
1987, Los Angeles Times  
Syndicate

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>      | 55 Potter's wheels | 32 Verb suffix      |
| 1 Droop            | 57 Word in many a  | 33 Spoiled tot      |
| 4 Nitrite, for one | Hope-Crosby        | 34 Mine find        |
| 9 Bawdy            | flick              | 35 Junior           |
| 13 Soprano Petina  | 58 De Larrocha's   | 38 Radiation unit   |
| 15 Of some         | need               | 42 Summanza         |
| 16 Confused        | 60 Overhang        | 44 Singer Davis     |
| 19 Venice artery   | 62 Author Ludwig   | 45 Paid attention   |
| 19 Symbol of       | 63 Thai language   | 47 Palmer, to       |
| 20 Headwear for    | 64 Famous          | friends             |
| 21 Last            | 65 Ship's course   | 49 Italian painter, |
| 23 Common          |                    | Guido and family    |
| 24 Contend         | <b>DOWN</b>        | 50 "— Mio"          |
| 25 58, in old Rome | 1 "Sweetheart of   | 51 Gets one boiling |
| 26 Stepped         | — Ch"              | 52 Ark man          |
| 28 Playwright's    | 2 Firth of Clyde   | 53 Coffee,          |
| concern            | island             | familiarily         |
| 33 Pasture         | 3 National park in | 54 First place      |
| complaint          | Wyoming            | 55 Bakery item      |
| 35 — Fain          | 4 Greek            | 56 With             |
| 36 Bellicose god   | mathematician      | 59 Vintage car      |
| 37 French menu     | 5 Trite            |                     |
| item               | 6 A Turner         |                     |
| 38 Thesaurus man   | 7 Guidonian note   |                     |
| 39 Duffing powder  | 8 Applicable       |                     |
| 40 Fussies         | 9 Touch ground     |                     |
| 41 Getting — years | 10 Jacob's twin    |                     |
| Jim                | 11 Dam             |                     |
| 42 Entertainer     | 12 "Barnum" star   |                     |
| Adorne             | 14 Formicary       |                     |
| 43 Urban dwelling  | inhabitant         |                     |
| 45 Range group     | 18 Tom turl        |                     |
| 46 "... have you — | 22 Zero            |                     |
| wool?"             | 25 Closet type     |                     |
| 47 Fore-runner of  | 27 Worker's hope   |                     |
| NRC                | 28 Toe             |                     |
| 48 Sign of a hit   | 29 Western flick   |                     |
| 51 Slip in         | 30 Bridge coups    |                     |
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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

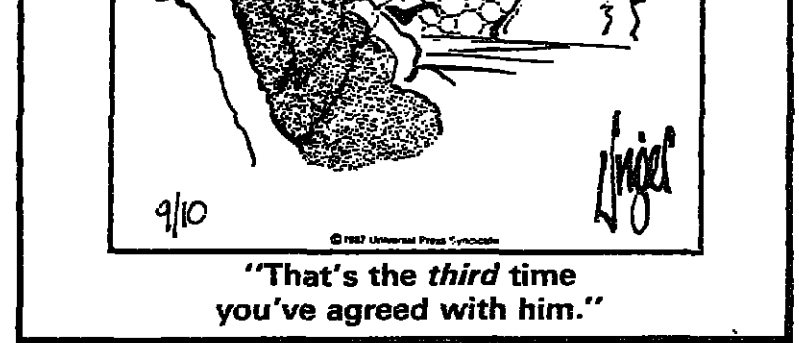
Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ K9852 ♥ 83 ♦ Q763 ♣ K4  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 NT Pass ?  
What action do you take?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ K9852 ♥ 83 ♦ Q763 ♣ K4  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
2 ♦ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ K9852 ♥ 83 ♦ Q763 ♣ K4  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 NT Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
2 ♦ Pass ?  
What action do you take?

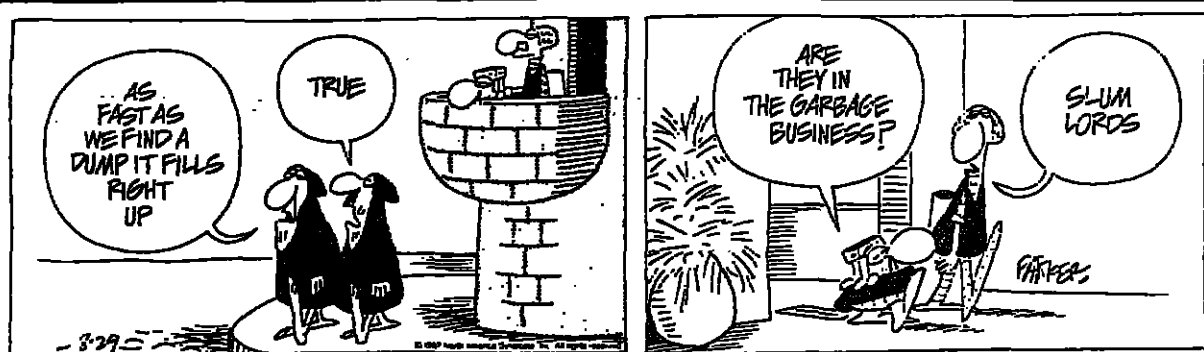
Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ K9852 ♥ 83 ♦ Q763 ♣ K4  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 NT Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
2 ♦ Pass ?  
What action do you take?

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ K9852 ♥ 83 ♦ Q763 ♣ K4  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 NT Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
2 ♦ Pass ?  
What action do you take?



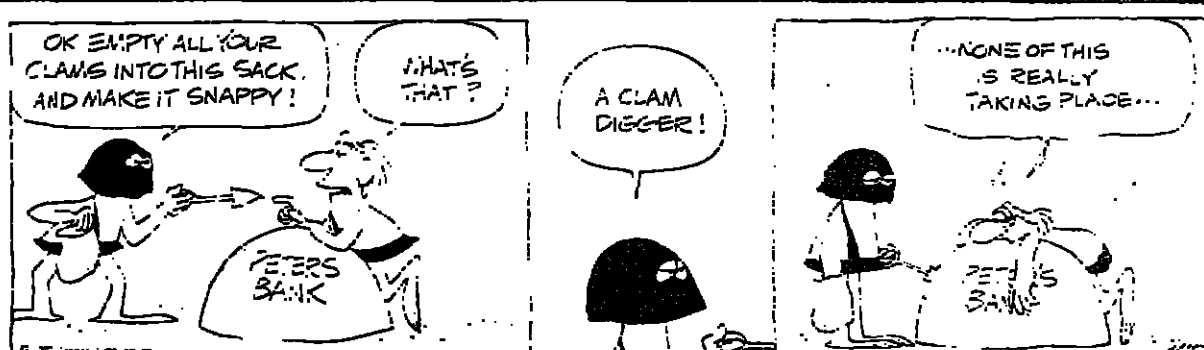
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart















## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

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|--|--|---|--|
| <br><b>Aries</b> (March 20 - April 18)<br>You should not try to attend to too many things at once. Mercury's favourable influence will help you to deal with a practical matter. You should not allow yourself to be distracted. Be lenient.        | <br><b>Cancer</b> (June 21 - July 21)<br>Make sure you deserve the trust that has been placed in you. You will feel better than you have done of late. You should not put off making an important decision. Try to avoid allowing your emotions to boil over. Be tolerant.                      | <br><b>Libra</b> (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)<br>You will be better able to manage your financial affairs. You should have a little more sympathy with a friend who is going through a bad period. An offer or proposal should not be dismissed lightly. Be cordial. | <br><b>Capricorn</b> (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)<br>You should leave yourself with a little more time to pursue your personal interests. The prospects both at work and at home are better. You should not place too much trust in luck. Be moderate.                          |
| <br><b>Taurus</b> (April 19 - May 19)<br>You have a rather tiring day ahead of you, so conserve your energies as much as possible. You should pay more attention to a personal matter. Do not spend more than you can readily afford. Be resilient. | <br><b>Leo</b> (July 22 - Aug. 21)<br>You have no time to lose nor have you any surplus energy. Do your best to avoid catching a cold. You should take care that you do not waste a good opportunity by being indecisive. Be more approachable.   | <br><b>Scorpio</b> (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)<br>The Moon's better influence will help you to stand up for yourself. You should avoid all kinds of exaggeration. Make sure you do not betray a secret. Be selective.  | <br><b>Aquarius</b> (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)<br>You must be a little more patient. The situation requires all your care and attention and you should not allow yourself to be distracted. There is no point in trying to use force where charm and persuasion have failed. |
| <br><b>Gemini</b> (May 20 - June 20)<br>There is nothing to be gained by seeing complications where there are none. Your intuitive powers will help you to make a rational choice. You should beware of jumping to conclusions. Be prompt.          | <br><b>Virgo</b> (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)<br>This is likely to be a good day for you both where work and your personal affairs are concerned. You should not make a promise you would find it hard to keep. If you persevere you will be able to deal with a rather persistent problem. Be careful. | <br><b>Sagittarius</b> (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)<br>You should try to see the funny side. You are liable not to see the wood for the trees. Have a little more faith in yourself and do not give up too easily. Be frugal.   | <br><b>Pisces</b> (Feb. 19 - March 19)<br>You should be prepared to make a few changes. Do not think let alone speak badly of others. You are liable to lose interest in an important task before it is finished. Be generous.  |

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

**QUESTION:** Is rheumatoid arthritis a critical disease? How does the doctor know you have it?  
**ANSWER:** I'm not sure what you mean by "critical." It is not a disease to be ignored, because treatment as soon as possible lessens the damage it does. Another reason for early treatment.  
Aching, stiff joints may signal a host of illnesses. The alert physician will be sure to follow up on this, getting a clear diagnosis of what the problem really is.  
There are many kinds of arthritis, and rheumatoid arthritis is only one of them. Rheumatoid arthritis is seen more often in women than men, and it most often starts between the ages of 30 and 50. The first indication may be a stiffness in the hands in the morning, which is relieved after about 30 minutes of activity. Swelling around the joints of the fingers is a sign that shouldn't be ignored, and some people have hardened knots on their joints. Rheumatoid arthritis is diagnosed by blood tests, analysis of the fluid in the joints and X-rays.  
Continuous communication between you and your doctor will help in the diagnosis.

## RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS NOT A DISEASE TO BE IGNORED

because rheumatoid arthritis often starts out with just some vague aches, difficult to describe or pinpoint. Your doctor may be watching for further development of symptoms, keeping an eye out for subtle changes in movement and strength.  
It's not uncommon for patients experiencing the first aches of arthritis to become frustrated when their doctor prescribes only aspirin. In their frustration, these patients may change doctors frequently, never allowing one doctor to adequately monitor the progression of their symptoms. Regarding the prescription of aspirin, it is "real" medication, particularly useful in treating the inflammation of arthritis.  
If in fact you do have rheumatoid arthritis, treatment with "disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs," also known as "DMARDs," may head off unnecessary deterioration of the joints and pain and debilitation. Also, we now know that it is wise to do surgery on joints affected by arthritis at an earlier stage, before the joints and surrounding tissue are badly damaged by the disease. Surgery was once reserved for only the very severe, advanced case of arthritis.

This is no longer the case, and new artificial joints and micro-surgical techniques are making surgery safer and more successful. Surgery should, however, be delayed until more conservative treatment like medication and physical therapy is tried. New methods and equipment for physical therapy have aided the arthritis patient, and a good physical therapy programme should be part of arthritis treatment for most people.  
Because arthritis is a chronic, painful and frustrating disease, its victims fall prey to a particularly distressing situation. They become victims for a second time... to the exploitation by promoters of quackery. The promise of a quick cure and the end to pain is difficult to resist when one is suffering, but caution is a must. Some of these "cures" are expensive and harmless, but many are very expensive and may be harmful. In any case, do not delay medical treatment while folk or unproven remedies are tried. You'll save more than time by going to your doctor with your arthritis. You also may save your joints from unnecessary injury caused by the disease. 1987 Tribune Media Service.



## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

## Enemies out to ruin the superhero's career

## Amitabh discovers the dark side of politics

THE starry creatures of fantasy land seem to have burnt their fingers or rather feathers rather badly by dabbling in politics. They have learnt a lesson and now they are running away from the political world as fast as they came into it.

The biggest example is Amitabh Bachchan. Everyone knows that once he was rich, famous and happy as a film hero before he decided to turn into a politician. Even his scandals, (whether true or false,) were only romantic or about his work in the film industry. But once in politics, all his affairs, true or false, were blown up ten times on the national scale and the alleged economic offences made him very unpopular. Only a current governmental inquiry may partly clear him.

There is surely a political hand behind all this. The opposition parties as well as his enemies made the most of it by making him an easy target. He had no satisfactory replies for most of the charges and he was caught on the wrong foot giving out false facts. He was pressurised into resigning from Parliament and the talk of his fighting the election again has remained wishful thinking.

Having lost the political umbrella, he has also lost his footing in films, as the attacks of his opponents continue and the people in the film trade get more scared about the response to his movies.

## Movement

Recently, there has been a lot of anti-Amitabh feeling on many fronts. The biggest blow is that whenever his film posters are put up, his face is blackened overnight on them. The title *Kaun Jeeta Kaun Haara* became ironical as it was clear to everyone who really got licked. In each and every place, Amit's face on these posters were replaced, the new ones were also soon blackened. So the distributors kept the black face open to the public gaze for days and days, though it did a lot of harm to Amit's image.

Now, this has taken the

shape of a regular movement, with some militant youths from the "Forward Bloc." They have vowed that they will do this tarring as well as picketing at theatres, as soon as a new Amitabh film comes up for release. There is no other movie but *Shahenshah* lying ready. The young men say that they have nothing against Tinnu Anand's film but if it comes first, it would be the biggest victim, of their anger.

Some political elements also took out processions to his Juhu bungalow and shouted slogans against Amit being anti-national and ungrateful. One clever chap stuck a big poster of *Namak Haraam* and wrote the film title exactly below his photo. The mystery

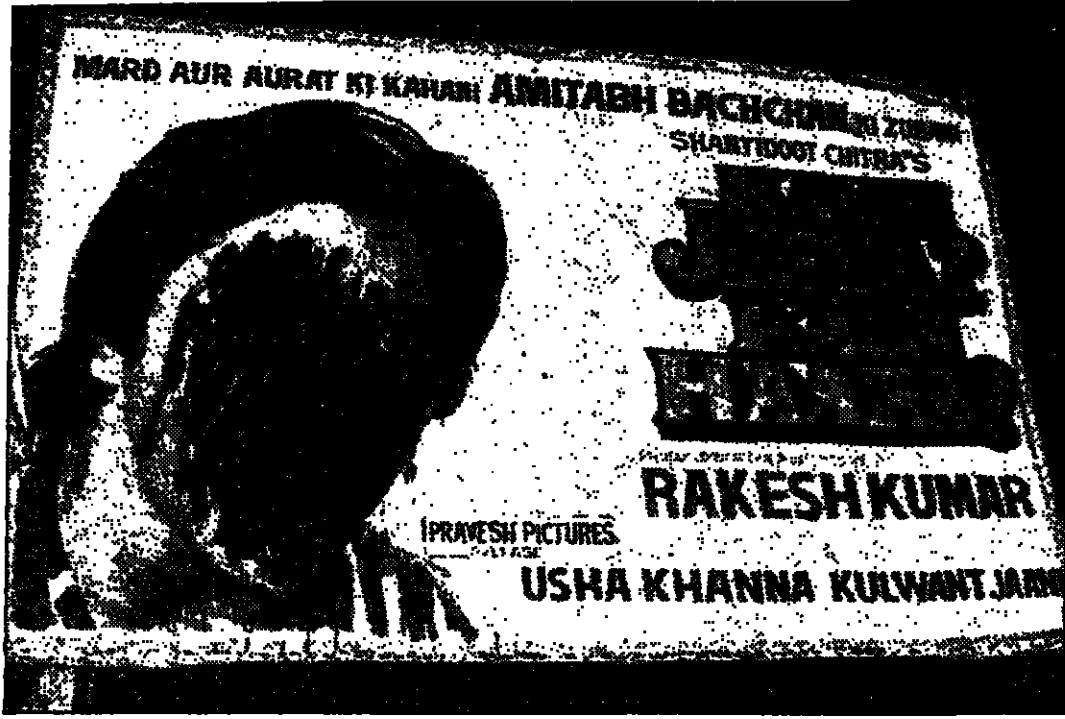
continued, as a gun was fired at night by one of Amitabh's own security men at the gate and the police were summoned.

When Amitabh was shooting for *Sach* at a hall in Poona, with Shabana Azmi, some young men gained entry by posing as film extras. Then, at the exact moment, they climbed up on the stage and surrounded Amitabh, while shouting and gesticulating wildly. Shabana quietly slipped away, while producer Nadiadwala and director Tinnu Anand could do nothing about it. Being no longer a member of the Parliament, Amit does not enjoy the benefit of full and costly security. He was terribly shaken up and was almost shivering. Again the police came to control the mob and they made the mistake of beating up some women protestors. This added more strongly to the anti-Amitabh feeling.

To make way for "Shahenshah" and test the air, the trade people have let loose a number of old Amitabh films as reissues. These posters were also at once blackened. But in some cities even the screenings were forcibly stopped and the theatres had to change over to other old films. The biggest fear is whether "Shahenshah" will get the same treatment. To make matters worse, the pro-Amit parties and his fan clubs have decided to fight the opposition. A powerful communal party in

Bombay has still not decided which side to take. All this can easily lead to violence at the theatres and the audience is sure to keep away for some weeks, by which time video cassettes on a large scale would complete the damage to the big-budget film.

On his earlier films, Amitabh always used his political clout to get the video libraries and



Each time Bachchan's face appears on a cinema poster, it is mysteriously blackened out.



Amitabh's (second right) recent public appearance was short and swift.

parlours raided. But now he has not much power. So the release of "Shahenshah" is being postponed under one excuse or the other. At first, Tinnu Anand said that the dubbing was not complete, which is not believe-

able as everyone knows that Amitabh is very professional. Asked about the draw of the Reliance World Cup cricket matches, Tinnu had confidently said that an Amit film need not be scared of any other

attraction. But time proved his lie, as the film's release was put off. Now the latest story is that Tinnu has raised the price per zone as outright sale, which distributors are not accepting and hence the delay.

But the real reason is the political storm, which has to blow over. Because of that even a January release may be risky. Amitabh is keeping away from social functions etc to avoid the thorny question. Even if he attends, he rushes off fast. He is also not winning the affection and confidence of the press, except one or two magazines, whose editors are doing publicity work for him. And his next venture, *Sach*, is actually anti-press. It copies the story of an old film of Frank Capra, where a female scribe picks up a common man who is fed up with his life and turns him into a celebrity by fooling the press people.

Looking at Amitabh's plight, other stars are now keeping a safe distance from politics, except Vyjayantimala M.P. who is no longer in films and is actually against the film world. Sunil Dutt M.P. keeps his feet firmly rooted in acting as well as production, considering politics to be uncertain. Asha Sachdev has already said good-bye to Congress, saying that they were exploiting her sex-appeal. Rajesh Khanna is keeping a low profile and using the Delhi connections to serve his own ends, like escaping from his income-tax arrears. He is not aiming for any high post. Raj Babbar is wavering and weakly supporting the opposition party of V.P. Singh. Some other producers like Atmaram, Johnny Baksbi and stars like Dev Anand and Shatrughan Sinha are speaking out boldly, but nobody has yet joined politics actively.

## Behind the Screen

Asha Chandra, teacher of film acting has changed her name to ASHHA and also cut down her fees. No more is she getting crazy boys from rich families, as many had to go back home and away from film-dom even after her training. So now Asha or Ashha is calling it a noble mission of life to give a 50 days course at a quarter of her rate. Another carrot is a fifty per cent concession for students from Punjab. Why? because SHE who makes stars is herself from Punjab. But then, SHE herself could never become a star?

After Nagina, contact lenses of different colours are in great demand. New actresses are wearing them and appearing before producers so that their green, blue or purple eyes may get them roles. Even successful heroines are trying them out for a new image, except Mandakini and Salma who have natural green eyes. And the top one Sri Devi herself, has imported special lenses for "Nagina — 2" to be called "Nagina Nagina" in Hindi.

Before their marriage, Leena Chandavarkar and the late Kishore Kumar had met only once. That is when they sang the song *Gham ka fasana ban gaya aachola, ek bahana in "Manchali"*. Leena as the film's heroine had to add some words like "Aachola" etc, to tease the hero, Sanjeev Kumar, on whom the song was picturised. Luckily, Kishore did not feel jealous of Sanjeev because at that time he had not decided to marry Leena.

While playback singers charge huge amounts in black and white for each song, Anooradha Paudwal sprang a surprise recently by offering to sing at a low rate or even free, though only for some months. This is because she is pregnant and a holy man advised her that if she keeps singing every day, the child will become a great singer. Anyway, producers are blessing that holy man for his advice. Or was it their own work to send the man to the singer?

Meenakshi is so eager to make money that she is modelling for products, including jewellery. So the regular models are deprived of their bread. Meenakshi must learn about distribution of wealth and leaving some work for others to do.

Villain Ranjeet's first wife Pushpa is in a bad financial state, after she left him and he married actress Aniloka. Pushpa is helped by friends with money for her expenses. This should be a red signal to others like villain Gulshan Grover's wife, who often threatens to walk out with her son and take a divorce.

Poonam Dhillon's affair with producer Ashok Thakuria continues as before. But she dodges everyone about her marriage plans. She even misleads them by saying that she will enter into an arranged

marriage with anyone whom her mother selects. Her actual intention is to be in films and earn as much as possible, to complete her responsibility to the fatherless family. After that she will follow her own wish. After all, it was she who helped Padmini (Kolhapure) to run away and marry Tutu.

All that is left of Subhash Ghai's *Devaa* is one reel, with some scenes with Amitabh and one song. Ghai has made it into a video cassette and that is being circulated among distributors, to show how much "loss" the producer incurred, so the poor fellows won't ask for the money.

Arun Govil, the Rama of the TV serial "Ramayan" may stand for election from Allahabad for the same seat vacated by Amitabh Bachchan. Arun's supporters think that his saintly Rama image will help him, as against the violent image of the angry, not-so-young, super star. But who can be sure about politics?

There is a nice tug of war between Rajesh Khanna and B.R. Chopra to decide who is to blame for the big failure of *Awaam*. Did B.R. make a loose lifeless film that flopped or was it Rajesh's declining popularity and star image? Only the *awaam* (public) can explain it but then it is a faceless voiceless mass.

The big film *Batwara* may fall in big trouble due to the ego clash between Dharm and Vinod Khanna over price and dates. Dharm is too proud to accept less than the new superstar. But then what will happen to poor Mohsin Khan who banked on *Batwara* and even gave up other small films?

Shekhar Suman is becoming another Rishi Kapoor. He needs the crutches of two



Anooradha Paudwal (left): hoping to give birth to a child prodigy



Leena Chandavarkar: no jealousy from late husband over Sanjeev Kumar

heroines. It was so in *Utsav* and *Aanubhav*. And now in *Pati Parmeshwar* he is again dominated

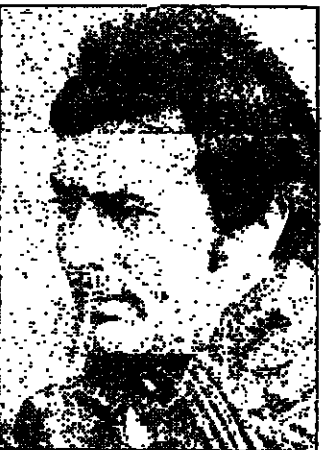
by Dimple and Sudha Chandran. He must be sighing: "Oh, when will I be a solo hero?"



Money-mad Meenakshi 'models' jewellery depriving bonafide models of a job



Shatrughan Sinha: speaking out boldly



Rajesh Khanna: keeping a low profile



Raj Babbar: wavering in his support of V.P. Singh



Sunil Dutt, actor turned politician, maintains his contacts in the film world by attending film parties.

## ANDY CAPP

By Smith



Poonam Dhillon's affair with producer Ashok Thakuria continues as before. But she dodges everyone about her marriage plans. She even misleads them by saying that she will enter into an arranged



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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Algeria announces economic reforms

ALGIERS, Dec 16, (Reuters): Algerian President Chadli Benjedid announced economic reforms yesterday that would dramatically change the face of his country's socialist society.

In a speech to parliament, he said state industries would be allowed to manage their own affairs and farmers given greater freedom to grow and market their own produce.

Placing Algeria firmly alongside other socialist nations experimenting with limited free enterprise, Chadli said the entire administrative and supply system would be overhauled to end "numerous bureaucratic obstacles."

### Ensure

Simple but effective controls would be instituted to ensure efficiency and eliminate waste, he said, referring to over-centralisation of the Algerian economy.

"It (decentralisation) must from now on become an important element in society, looking resolutely towards the future, becoming at the same time the language of economic life, artistic creation, scientific production, and a key to knowledge and culture," he said in the speech carried by the official news agency APS.

### Attempts

Benjedid said Algeria must continue attempts to diversify its oil-based economy, which put the country's development at the mercy of fluctuating oil and gas prices and prompted the current policy review.

With oil and oil-based products Algeria's only significant exports, the country quickly ran up high debts when world energy prices began to tumble in the mid-1980s.

According to US estimates, foreign debt in 1986 rocketed to between \$16 and 20 billion, forcing the government to cut imports and investment projects.

"Our exports must no longer be dominated almost exclusively by hydrocarbons which, in no way, can guarantee long-term economic and social development," he said.

The reforms still have to be formally approved by parliament.

## European parliament delays Turkish trade accord

STRASBOURG, France, Dec 16, (Reuters): The European parliament voted today to delay approval of a trade accord with Turkey in an unprecedented move which could have implications for European Economic Community relations with many non-member states.

The parliament agreed by 131 votes to 123 to delay approval of the accord in what some members said was a protest against the arrest of two Turkish Communist leaders just before last month's elections in Turkey.

The trade accord itself was highly technical, concerning Turkish exports to the EEC of lemons and table grapes and exports of Turkish goods to new EEC members Spain and Portugal. The accord is likely to be agreed early next year and the delay is largely symbolic, members of parliament said.

### Accord

At issue, however, was whether the parliament was prepared for the first time to block a trade accord for political reasons. The parliament, which has often been dismissed in the past as a "talking shop" won in July new powers giving it a say in any change in EEC relations with non-member states.

Earlier, EEC commissioner Claude Cheysson warned the assembly that it would be serious if it were to use its new-found powers to block the accord, which he stressed was an extremely technical modification of an existing agreement.

## Japan to buy \$115m in World Bank bond

TOKYO, Dec 16, (AP): Japan's Finance Ministry signed an agreement today to buy a 10-year bond of 15 billion yen (\$115 million) issued by the World Bank, the ministry said.

The agreement was signed between Kazumoto Adachi, director general of the ministry's financial bureau, and Akira Iida, director of the Tokyo office of the World Bank, said a ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He said the World Bank will use the money for its operations. The bond will carry a coupon rate of 5.6 per cent, he said.

## Taxation policy should be 'comprehensive'

# Borrowing won't solve problems: Saadoun

By M.C. Bose

THE government borrowing scheme will not seriously solve the problems facing the state budgets and monetary policy nor will it provide any effective investment means, well-known Kuwaiti economist, Jassem Al Saadoun, said yesterday.

He attributed this to several causes. He said that if the present budget continued as it was for the next ten years, then the total deficit would amount to KD14 billion. The government intended to borrow only KD1.4 billion over the next ten years and this was only ten per cent of the estimated deficit.

**Deficit**  
If the government borrowed all or even half the estimated deficit in the next ten years, then its debts would be three and 1.5 times respectively of the Gross National Product (GNP) and this would be the highest in the world.

To realise the situation it was enough to know that the US government debt was only 42 per cent of its GNP but had

caused many troubles for the US.

Al Saadoun said the borrowing programme would not be an effective monetary means simply because the Central Bank wanted to see the prices of assets go up in order to reduce the cost of the difficult loans settlement scheme.

**Investment**  
He said bonds and treasury bills would not be a good investment means because they would not be active in trading in the bond market. It was expected that local banks would keep most of the bonds to benefit from the difference between financial costs and the prevailing interest rates.

If trading in bonds became active it would certainly affect the prices of shares and this was against government policy.

**Boost**  
In an exclusive interview with the Arab Times, Al Saadoun said that any boost in the national economy would be related more to outside factors, specially oil prices, developments in the Iraq-Iran war and international economic development.



Jassem Al Saadoun

He said that Kuwait cannot isolate itself from the effects of the world stock market crash. He said the country had investments and shares in these markets and if the values dropped then the value of Kuwait's investments would also drop.

According to estimates, investors lost about \$2,000 billion in the October crash.

If fluctuations in the world markets continued and the political situation here improved, then some Kuwaiti

investments abroad would return to Kuwait, he said. This could lead to a kind of economic expansion or, as some liked to call it, economic activity.

Al Saadoun predicted there would be greater rush to invest in the Kuwaiti dinar after the latest world market developments, provided that the political situation in the region did not worsen.

### Value

He stressed that the world stock market crash would have little effect on Kuwaiti and Gulf shares, because Kuwaiti shares lost between 50 to 60 per cent of their value from 1983 while shares in New York, London and Tokyo, for example, gained over 150 per cent over their value. Therefore Kuwaiti and Gulf shares have little to lose while world shares have much to lose.

The government was giving continuous support to local shares, he said.

### Cost

Al Saadoun said the cost of government borrowing might be higher than the cost of withdrawing from the state reserves

if it was possible to draw.

He said the annual deficit in the state budget was over 40 per cent of the expenses and was double the US budget deficit.

Al Saadoun said that Kuwait cannot continue this way and effective solutions must be found, such as reducing public expenditure and finding new sources of revenue.

Referring to his proposal to apply selective taxation as a means of reducing the budget deficit, Al Saadoun said that any taxation policy should be comprehensive and tax should be paid only by those capable of paying.

### Consumption

He said it should not be exaggerated in order not to lead to recession. It should be used to rationalise consumption and direct investments and should effectively contribute to justice in distributing income.

He said an income tax policy accompanied by other taxes and charges, would achieve the target. Any taxation policy should not differentiate between nationalities and should apply to all those who are able to pay, he said.

## 'Japan must cut its surplus'

# Action needed to avert economic crisis

WASHINGTON, Dec 16, (Reuters): World economists said today the United States and other nations needed to take prompt action to avert a serious economic crisis and further financial market chaos.

The economists, from research bodies in the United States, Europe, South America and Asia, issued their statement through the independent, Washington-based Institute of International Economics.

They said the United States and trade surplus nations had taken the right steps since the stock market plunge of October 19 but had not gone far enough and international meetings could not make up for inadequate national policies.

Unless more decisive action

is taken to correct existing imbalances at their roots, the next few years could be the most troubling since the 1930s," they said.

If the moves they recommended were not taken promptly, "a third crash of the markets could be greater than either predecessor, with far pervasive effects," they said.

The economists said the crisis stemmed from the US budget and trade deficits, the large surpluses in Japan and in Asia's newly developed countries (Nics), high unemployment in Europe, and debt and economic stagnation in many developing nations.

They said trade balances have begun to move in the right direction, but the present US plan to

cut its budget deficit and global exchange rate moves were unlikely to produce an adequate adjustment.

### Spending

They said the most critical need was for the United States to hold down growth in domestic spending to free up its resources to enable it to expand exports.

"Now is clearly the time to take these budget actions, with the real economy still in good shape and the huge risks of continued inaction," they said.

They also said Japan must cut its surplus, perhaps eliminating it completely and increase its domestic spending by 4.5 to 5.5 per cent.

They said Western Europe, particularly West Germany, needed to stimulate domestic

growth, and possibly run a trade deficit for a period.

The Nics, chiefly Taiwan and South Korea, they said, should drop barriers to imports, increase their living standards and let their exchange rates rise.

US officials have been trying to persuade Japan and West Germany to expand their economies and the Nics to untie their currencies from the dollar.

The economists said it would be a mistake to try to stabilise exchange rates at the present time because the exact effect of the proposed adjustment measures was unknown.

But they said the dollar now was probably within 10 per cent of a sustainable level, and it would be undesirable for it to fall much more.

## AMF to design Arab export drive scheme

ABU DHABI, Dec 16, (Opecna): Officials of the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) are meeting here today to lay down the basis of a scheme to boost exports of Arab goods and commodities.

The two-day meeting is also being attended by representatives of central banks and monetary institutions from Arab countries.

Addressing the opening session, AMF Chairman Dr Abdullah Qawaz said as part of the scheme, a fund was to be established to finance Arab exports to Arab markets.

He believed that the scheme would significantly boost exports and improve trade among Arab nations.

## Mexico to cut spending

# Inflation fight planned

MEXICO CITY, Dec 16, (Reuters): The Mexican government announced a tough, wide-ranging economic austerity plan to fight runaway inflation and received the backing of labour, business and farmers.

Key points of the package include immediate wage increases followed by a temporary freeze, price rises on state-provided goods and services, cuts in government spending and continued gradual daily devaluation of the peso.

"These measures are strong, bitter and painful, implying sacrifices and efforts for everyone," President Miguel de la Madrid said in announcing the pact of economic solidarity yesterday.

### Backing

He said the programme was not a "magic cure" for the economy but a step made necessary by recent events.

Business and labour leaders attending the announcement expressed backing for the measures. To show support, labour unions called of a general strike set for Friday.

Inflation hit an annual rate of 143 per cent last month, and low investor confidence, fuelled by a crash on the Mexican stock market, has resulted in an estimated capital flight of \$100 million a week in the past two months.

De la Madrid said the plan was drawn up with the backing of labour, business and farmer-leaders. He denied it was patterned on the economic shock plans implemented with limited success by Brazil and Argentina.

### Wages

Under the plan, wages will be raised 15 per cent from Wednesday, followed by a 20-per cent increase from January 1. Wages will be frozen during January and February and be subject to monthly increases afterwards in accordance with inflation, based on prices of a basket of goods to be defined in 15 days.

### Prices

The government from today will increase prices of state-provided goods and services. The size of the rises was not disclosed. Prices will be frozen during January and February and after-

wards will be subject to increases based on projected monthly inflation.

Government spending will be cut to 20.5 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 1988 from an initially projected 22 per cent.

The government will reduce subsidies for goods deemed to be of marginal importance and continue with its programme to sell off or shut down non-vital state-owned firms.

No new exchange rate measures were announced following Monday's 17.4 per cent devaluation of the controlled peso, which is used in 75 per cent of foreign transactions.

### Austerity

However, under the austerity plan the Central bank will continue with a gradual daily devaluation of the peso according to prevailing circumstances.

On Monday, the government announced a halving of maximum import tariffs, aimed at reducing import costs and promoting increased efficiency among domestic producers.

## Major nations 'should continue to coordinate monetary policy'

MANILA, Dec 16, (Reuters): Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita today said only God could tell how far the yen would rise or the dollar fall, but added that major nations should continue to coordinate monetary policy.

"If I'm asked to give you a projection of how far a certain currency can go down, that is a question that only God can answer, especially in the spirit of the floating rate system," he told a news conference.

"None can give any response beyond that," he added through an interpreter.

### Consult

Takeshita, Finance Minister from 1979 to 1980 and from 1982 to 1986, said major nations should consult closely on monetary and fiscal policy, but did not call for any new meeting of the industrialised Group of Seven.

"All the major currency countries should exercise policy coordination and with that, I believe, we can move towards stability," he added.

The US dollar on Tuesday continued its four-day free-fall to hit an all-time low of 126.75 yen in Tokyo. Dealers said foreign-exchange markets continued to doubt the Reagan administration's resolve to defend the currency.

It fell again in Tokyo today after recovering a bit in earlier New York trading.

Takeshita, on his first foreign visit since taking office as Prime Minister last month, told reporters major changes in information technology would help avoid a repeat of the world depression that followed the 1929 stock market crash.

### Tangible

"Compared to 1929 the flow of information has accelerated substantially and therefore I believe ... with regard to international finances today, is generating some tangible effects," he declared.

The Japanese leader, who met in Manila with leaders of the six-member association of South East Asian Nations, repeated assurances that Tokyo would not

seek to rebuild its military strength and called for further moves towards disarmament by the superpowers.

Takeshita welcomed last week's Reagan-Gorbachev agreement to scrap medium-range missiles but added: "It is now important that we further take that as a springboard for ... more agreement on the reduction of strategic nuclear weapons."

The Washington agreement was "most gratifying for Asia." "It will be even better and more gratifying if on the remaining questions progress can be made, such as further reduction of strategic nuclear weapons, conventional weapons and regional conflicts," he said.

### Power

Japan would not take over from the United States as the major military and economic power in Asia, he said flatly.

"We have absolutely no intention of reviving the old Japan," he said in a reference to the Japanese military takeover of much of Asia during World War Two.

## Kuwait Fund and Mauritania sign loan agreement

A SUPPLEMENTARY loan agreement was signed between the Industrial and Mining National Company in Mauritania and Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, whereby the fund will give a loan of KD1,700,000 to help finance Guelbirs iron mines exploitation project.

At the same time a guarantee agreement was signed between the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Fund.

A press release, issued yesterday by Kfard, said the Fund had previously participated in the financing of the project by extending a loan amounting to KD12,900,000 on July 5, 1979.

### Supplementary

The guarantee agreement was signed on behalf of Mauritania by Cheick Ould Ahmed Louly, minister of economy and finance, while the loan agreement was signed on behalf of the Industrial and Mining National Company by Mohammed Salek Ould Heyne, director-general of Snim.

Both agreements were signed on behalf of the fund by Bader Mishari Al Humaidhi, director-general of the Kuwait Fund. The signing of the two agreements took place on Tuesday.

### Exploitation

The project aims at maintaining iron ore production of the country by the exploitation of Guelbirs mines in El-Rheikh mountains in view of the impending exhaustion of the iron ore reserves in Kedia Mines exploited already.

The project consists of equipment for extraction of crude ore, construction of concentrating and beneficiation plant for treating crude ore and a new power plant, additional facilities and

equipment for the existing railway, strengthening of facilities at the port of Nouadhibou, construction of additional housing units and a road linking the town of Zouerate and the new mines, training of local personnel and consulting services.

Total cost of the project is estimated at KD20.03 million of which 8.5 per cent will be covered in full by the fund loan.

Execution of the project commenced by the end of 1978 and is expected to be completed by the end of 1989.

The supplementary loan will be for a period of 16 years including about 5 years period of grace, amortised in 23 semi-annual instalments, the first of which will be due on October 15, 1992 and the last on October 15, 2003.

## Italy to give Lebanon \$100m in aid

BEIRUT, Dec 16, (Reuters): Italy is to provide aid worth about \$100 million over the next two years to Lebanon, ravaged by civil war and economic collapse, an Italian official said today.

Gilberto Bonalumi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, told a news conference at the end of a three-day visit to Lebanon that the Italian contribution was in response to a UN call.

He said that over the next two years Italy would give financial credits and medical, agricultural and educational assistance for the needy throughout Lebanon.

A UN team visited Lebanon in October and recommended that \$85 million worth of help be provided immediately to about 250,000 families hard hit by the crisis in the economy.

## Crude prices drop on doubts about Opec pact

NEW YORK, Dec 16, (Reuters): Crude oil prices dropped sharply yesterday as scepticism mounted that Opec's agreement reached on Monday would do little to curb the world's pervasive oil glut.

"The market is experiencing a freefall without a parachute," said Nauman Barakat, oil analyst at Smith Barney Harris Upham and Co. "Opec dropped the ball, agreeing to a pact that was politically motivated and relegating economic issues to the back burner."

### Steep

Crude from the Brent field, a widely traded grade, sold for February loading as low as \$15.95 a barrel in London for the first time since February, traders reported.

In New York, West Texas Intermediate for delivery in January fell a steep 81 cents to \$16.63

a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Although oil prices on the spot market climbed five to 10 cents a barrel late yesterday following the weekly oil stock report from the American Petroleum Institute (API), the move did little to erase the week's losses.

The API reported that crude oil stocks rose 1.9 million barrels for the week to 360.7 million barrels, a slightly smaller increase than had been expected.

### Down

Yesterdays fall took the price for the key US grade down almost \$1.70 a barrel for the week, and \$4 under the year's high price reached in August when tensions in the Gulf preoccupied the market.

"Opec has done nothing to address the overproduction problem," said broker Mark Scullion of Mocatta Futures Inc.

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## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17-18, 1987

LONDON  
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	078/0
ABEY LIFE	255/0	185/0
ADL LYONS	112/0	283/0
AMSTRAD	112/0	337/0
ARCYLL GP	88.81	LAND SECS
ASDA MFI	95/0	LAPORTE
A B FOODS	295/0	LASMO
BAA BP	268/0	LEGAL+GEN
BTR	433/0	LYONDS BK
BAT INDS	439/0	222/0
BAYCLAYS	800/0	232/0
BASS	168/0	233/0
BEAZER	461/0	231/0
BEECHAMS	217/0	231/0
BET ORD	316/0	231/0
BLIC PLC	217/0	231/0
BLUE ARBU	357/0	231/0
BLUE CIRC	325/0	231/0
BOC GP	376/0	231/0
BOOTS CO	235/0	231/0
BPB INDS	243/0	231/0
BR COMM	300/0	231/0
BR AIRWAY	145/0	231/0
BR AEROSP	135/0	231/0
BR GAS PP	243/0	231/0
B.P.	243/0	231/0
B.P.NEV	70.5	231/0
BR TELCOM	212/0	231/0
BRITOL	407/0	231/0
BUNZL	176/0	231/0
BURMAN OL	88.59	231/0
BURTON	225/0	231/0
CABLESWIR	325/0	231/0
CADBURYS	250/0	231/0
COATS VTY	267/0	231/0
COOK UNIT	357/0	231/0
COONS GOLD	950/0	231/0
COOKSON	492/0	231/0
COURTAULD	345/0	231/0
DALGETY	292/0	231/0
DEE CP	173/0	231/0
DIXONS	200/0	231/0
ENG CHINA	390/0	231/0
ENTER OIL	248/0	231/0
FERRANTI	85/0	231/0
FISONS	253/0	231/0
GEN ACCID	850/0	231/0
GEN ELEC	160/0	231/0
GLAXO	975/0	231/0
GRAMADA	297/0	231/0
GLOBE	127/0	231/0
GRAND MET	410/0	231/0
GUS A	107/4	231/0
GUARD RYL	840/0	231/0
GUN	280/0	231/0
GUINNESS	287/0	231/0
HANSON	455/0	231/0
HARRISON	130/0	231/0
HICKER STD	443/0	231/0
HAWLEY	92/4	231/0
HILLSDOWN	65.73	231/0

LONDON  
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
A.B. ELECT	294/0	293/0
APV PLC	115/0	116/0
AARONSON	111/0	115/0
AAH ROLG	298/0	297/0
ACATOS+HT	425/0	425/0
ADDITION G	90/0	90/0
ADVEST G	266/0	266/0
AILEX	135/0	135/0
ALEX WRMK	148/0	150/0
ALLIANCE	728/0	728/0
ALL COLL	105/0	105/0
ALL PLAN	41/0	42/0
AMEC PLC	130/0	130/0
AMER TRUS	108/0	107/0
AMERSHAM	403/0	403/0
ANGIA TV	294/0	293/0
ANSBACHER	72/0	71/0
U-APP HOL	320/0	320/0
APPEYARD	308/0	310/0
ARICOT	92/0	93/0
ARMSTRONG	138/0	138/0
ANGLO O'S	350/0	350/0
AQUOSULTUM	260/0	265/0
ASHLEY L	115/0	113/0
AUTO SEC	220/0	221/0
AVIS EUR	618/0	616/0
AVON RUBB	618/0	616/0
BBA GP	138/0	138/0
BBS INTL	63/0	63/0
BAILL JAP	370/0	368/0
BANKER IT	60/0	60/0
BA OF CO	498/0	499/0
BARKER DO	162/0	163/0
BARRY DEY	170/0	170/0
B.WEIMILL	137/0	138/0
BEJAM GP	175/0	175/0
BELHAVEN	37/0	37/0
BELLYWAY	175/0	175/0
BENROSE	180/0	181/0
BENLOX HD	45/0	45/0
U-BENNETT	34/0	35/0
BENTALLS	138/0	138/0
BERISFORD	278/0	279/0
BERKELEY	239/0	240/0
BLICK LE 2	219/0	219/0
BOASE HAS	132/0	133/0
BOOKING TO	359/0	360/0
BOOKER PL	39/0	40/0
BORTHWICK	39/0	40/0
BOMATER	339/0	340/0
BONTHORPE	157/0	158/0
BRAHMER	217/0	216/0
BREIT CHE	118/0	115/0
BREIT WCR	280/0	280/0
BRIDON	146/0	148/0
BRITANNIC	880/0	875/0
BR ASSETS	60/0	59/0
BR LINDO	255/0	256/0
BR VITA	378/0	378/0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 300 IND	1348.9	1332.0	1312.4	1853.7
FT 500 SRR	0	928.8	916.4	1313.9
FT ALL SRR	0	842.3	832.18	1208.89
FT GDR SEC	87.66	87.90	87.94	83.62
FT GDR NF	320.4	322.5	336.0	453.1
FT MINES	0	436.91	447.97	688.22
FT OIL	0	1631.6	1612.8	2284.4
FT WLD DLR	114.00	113.54	112.43	136.44
FT WLD STG	92.31	91.66	90.69	124.45
FT WLD LOC	100.80	100.47	99.66	130.67

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES FIRM BUT BELOW HIGHS, VOLUME LIGHT  
LONDON, DEC 16 - SHARES REMAINED FIRM BUT WERE BELOW THEIR HIGHEST LEVELS IN QUIET TRADING, AS RUMOURS THAT BP WAS ABOUT TO MOUNT A FULL BID FOR BRITTOIL DID NOT MATERIALISE, DEALERS SAID.

ONE DEALER COMMENTED, "EVERYBODY HAS BEEN ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEATS EXPECTING NEWS ON BRITTOIL AND IT LOOKS AS IF THIS MIGHT BE A CASE OF NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS."

THERE WERE WIDESPREAD RUMOURS IN THE MARKET EARLIER THAT BP WOULD MAKE AN OFFER FOR BRITTOIL TODAY WITH MOST EXPECTING IT TO BE PITCHED AT AROUND 400P PER SHARE. THIS WOULD HAVE BRITTOIL AT TWO BILLION STG.

AT 1530 GMT, THE FTSE 100 STOOD 20.8 POINTS UP AT 1,690.8. STOCKS HERE SHOWED LITTLE INITIAL REACTION TO A FIRMER START ON WALL STREET BUT LATER THE NEW YORK MARKET HAD TURNED A 12 POINT GAIN INTO A FIVE POINT LOSS AND DEALERS SAID THIS WAS ALSO A FACTOR IN THE EASIER TREND IN LONDON.

BP AND BRITTOIL SHARES WERE THE MOST HEAVILY TRADED TODAY WITH OVER 45.7 MLN CHANGING HANDS IN BP NEW AND 22.2 MLN IN BRITTOIL BY 1530 GMT. BP NEW WAS UNCHANGED AT 71 WHILE BRITTOIL WAS 6P HIGHER AT 398.

EARLIER, DEALERS HAD ATTRIBUTED MUCH OF TODAY'S RISE TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF BID ACTIVITY WITH BIG COMPANIES REASONING THAT STOCKS MUST BE A GOOD BUY AT CURRENT PRICES.

## London Gold

LONDON, DEC 16 - GOLD BULLION CLOSED 2.60 DLRS LOWER AT 486.40/486.90 AFTER SETTLING DOWN TO TRADE IN A FAIRLY NARROW RANGE AFTER PARING INITIAL LOSSES, DEALERS SAID.

THE CLOSE WAS LITTLE CHANGED FROM EITHER THE AFTERNOON FIX OF 486.30 OR THE MORNING SETTING OF 487.05, BUT WAS ABOVE ITS OPENING RANGE OF 484.00/484.50.

DEALERS SAID THE MARKET HAD OPENED LOWER FOLLOWING AN OVERNIGHT DECLINE IN NEW YORK AND SOME EARLY SWISS SELLING. GOLD'S RECOVERY WAS AIDED BY SOME COMMISSION HOUSE BUYING AND DEALER SHORT-COVERING. BUSINESS WAS REASONABLY ACTIVE EARLY ON BUT SOON SLOWED DOWN AND WAS GENERALLY SUBDUED.

## London Money Market

LONDON, DEC 16 - WORRIES ABOUT THE COLLAPSE IN THE OIL PRICE AND STRONG YEAR-END DEMAND COMBINED AGAIN TODAY TO FORCE MONEY RATES HIGHER AT A PACE WHICH TOOK OPERATORS BY SURPRISE.

RATES HAVE BEEN DRIFTING UP FOR SOME TIME, ESPECIALLY AT THE LONGER END, BUT THE SHORT END OF THE MARKET WAS ALSO UNDER PRESSURE TODAY, DEALERS SAID.

ONE MONTH INTERBANK DEPOSITS ADDED 1/16 POINT TO 8-5/8 1/2 PCT AND THE KEY THREE MONTH RATE WAS AT 8-7/8 3/4, UP 1/8 POINT ON THE DAY AND 1/4 SINCE FRIDAY. THESE GAINS MEAN ALL HOPES OF ANOTHER 1/2-POINT CUT IN BASE RATES HAVE DISAPPEARED, THEY SAID, THOUGH THE CURRENT 8-1/2 PCT LEVEL IS NOT SEEN THREATENED YET.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
STG 1.2627/77	1.8275/85	1.6310/20	5.5250/00	NOON
DMK 1.5222/3353	2.975/989	2.9795/9830	10.094/109	FIX
FFR 5.5222/3353	10.0945/1125	339.55/539.1	24.02/06	1300
SFR 1.3295/3305	2.4285/4315	81.49/60	33.20	FIX
ECU 1.8345	3.3545	112.57	6.99289	FIX
YEN 1.26488	0.692137	2.06302	7.65314	CLSE
SDR 1.38669	0.755689	2.25781		NOON
YEN 127.40/50	232.72/233.04			
SDR	15/12/87	OTHERS	16/12/1987	

NAME	LAST	078/0
ABEY LIFE	255/0	185/0
ADL LYONS	112/0	283/0
AMSTRAD	112/0	337/0
ARCYLL GP	88.81	LAND SECS
ASDA MFI	95/0	LAPORTE
A B FOODS	295/0	LASMO
BAA BP	268/0	LEGAL+GEN
BTR	433/0	LYONDS BK
BAT INDS	439/0	222/0
BAYCLAYS	800/0	232/0
BASS	168/0	233/0
BEAZER	461/0	231/0
BEECHAMS	217/0	231/0
BET ORD	316/0	231/0
BLIC PLC	217/0	231/0
BLUE ARBU	357/0	231/0
BLUE CIRC	325/0	231/0
BOC GP	376/0	231/0
BOOTS CO	235/0	231/0
BPB INDS	243/0	231/0
BR COMM	300/0	231/0
BR AIRWAY	145/0	231/0
BR AEROSP	135/0	231/0
BR GAS PP	243/0	231/0
B.P.	243/0	231/0
B.P.NEV	70.5	231/0
BR TELCOM	212/0	231/0
BRITOL	407/0	231/0
BUNZL	176/0	231/0
BURMAN OL	88.59	231/0
BURTON	225/0	231/0
CABLESWIR	325/0	231/0
CADBURYS	250/0	231/0
COATS VTY	267/0	231/0
COOK UNIT	357/0	231/0
COONS GOLD	950/0	231/0
COOKSON	492/0	231/0
COURTAULD	345/0	231/0
DALGETY	292/0	231/0
DEE CP	173/0	231/0
DIXONS	200/0	231/0
ENG CHINA	390/0	231/0
ENTER OIL	248/0	231/0
FERRANTI	85/0	231/0
FISONS	253/0	231/0
GEN ACCID	850/0	231/0
GEN ELEC	160/0	231/0
GLAXO	975/0	231/0
GRAMADA	297/0	231/0
GLOBE	127/0	231/0
GRAND MET	410/0	231/0
GUS A	107/4	231/0
GUARD RYL	840/0	231/0
GUN	280/0	231/0
GUINNESS	287/0	231/0
HANSON	455/0	231/0
HARRISON	130/0	231/0
HICKER STD	443/0	231/0
HAWLEY	92/4	231/0
HILLSDOWN	65.73	231/0

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	CLOSE
A BSCN CON	32/0	32/0
ATLANTIC R	64/1	64/0
AAR CORP	16/3	16/5
AETNA LIFE	44/3	44/4
ALASKA AIR	14/1	14/1
ALCAN ALUM	27/3	27/3
ALCO STAND	19/3	19/1
AM CAP SEC	23/6	23/6
AMER CYANA	42/2	41/3
AM FAMILY	14/4	14/4
AM HON PRO	68/7	68/7
AM STODARD	35/5	35/2
AM STORES	48/5	48/5
AMER T T	28/4	28/2
AMOCO CP	64/2	63/2
AMP INC	47/4	47/4
AMPCO PITT	12/4	12/4
AMR CORP	33/0	32/3
AMR GEN CO	29/1	29/1
AMRO HESS	23/3	23/3
ANTHEM ELE	10/3	10/5
APACHE CP	7/2	7/2
APACHE PET	3/5	3/4
ARMCO INC	11/0	10/7
ASARCO INC	27/1	27/0
ASHLAND OIL	58/1	58/6
ATLS CORP	33/6	33/4
AVERY INT	18/7	18/7
AVNET INC	24/5	24/5
AVON PRODS	24/2	24/3
BELL ATLAN	68/2	67/5
BELL CAN E	28/1	28/1
BELL-HUNT	59/7	60/0
BETH STEEL	17/2	17/2
BEVERLY	7/6	7/7
BKST-BOSTA	20/3	20/6
BKST-NY	25/0	25/0
BKST-TR-NY	27/2	27/2
BANKAMER	7/0	7/1
BANKAMER SPEC	6/4	6/4
BOEING	36/1	36/7
BOISE CASC	66/0	65/1
BORDEN	48/7	48/6
BORG-WARNER	0	45/5
BOWATER	28/6	28/6
BR TELECOM	39/1	39/3
BRIGGS-STR	24/5	24/6
BRIST-HYER	42/1	42/1
BURNSWICK	14/7	15/0
BURNDY CO	11/1	11/0
C 3 INC	9/2	9/1
CABOT CORP	29/2	29/0
CAESARS W	20/0	20/0
CAROL FRI	19/6	19/5
CAS NAT GS	13/4	13/4
CAS-DOCKE	16/7	16/6
CATERPILLAR	60/6	60/0
CBI INC	18/0	17/6
CBS	147/4	147/4
CENTEL CP	35/3	35/1
CENTRO DAT	2/0	2/0
CHAMP INTL	34/4	34/7
CHAMP SPA	11/0	10/7
CHARTER CO	3/6	3/6
CHASE MANH	20/2	20/2
CHENED CP	31/3	31/1
CHENIC NY	21/2	21/0
CHRYSLER	22/6	22/5
CHUBB CORP	51/6	51/2
CHUR FR CH	6/7	7/0
CIGNA CORP	44/4	44/2
CIN HILCAR	21/0	21/0
CIR CIT ST	19/7	19/7
CIRCLE K	11/0	11/0
CITICORP	16/7	16/6
CLARK EQUI	25/1	25/0
CLOREX	27/4	27/4
COMBIL RES	1/4	1/4
COMBIL SP	55/5	55/0
COM PACIFIC	16/3	16/4
COACHMEN	7/0	7/0
COASTAL	25/4	25/3
COCA COLA	40/2	40/4
COLEMAN CO	31/5	31/7
COLGATE	36/7	36/6
COLT INDS	9/7	9/7
COLUMB GAS	41/4	41/2
COMM EDIS	29/3	29/3
CONAGRA	24/5	24/5
CONS ED-NY	43/7	43/3
CONTINENTAL	38/6	38/4
CONTEL CP	28/0	27/2
CONTR DATA	20/5	20/4
COOPER T-R	27/0	27/1
COOPER CO	8/1	8/1
COORING GL	50/7	51/0
CRANE	21/2	21/2
CRAY RES	7/6	7/6
CULLINET	5/2	5/2
DANIEL IND	6/4	6/3
DATTA GEN	24/0	23/1
DAYPOINT	4/5	4/5
DAYTON HUD	28/0	27/6</



WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17-18, 1987

International Bond Highlights

London — The board of the Association of International Bond Dealers has rejected rules specifically forbidding market manipulations known as ramping and dumping, market sources said.

London — The Bank of England's offer of one billion qts of eight pct treasury convertible stock due 1990 was undersubscribed at this morning's tender, bond dealers said.

Brussels — The Belgian Finance Ministry set a 99.50 pct issue price on the 130 billion Belgian franc, eight year, eight pct state loan.

New York — Moody's Investors Service Inc said it downgraded the ratings of 1.3 billion dlrs of debt of Dayton Hudson Corp.

Zurich — Occidental Petroleum Corp is issuing a 100 mln Swiss franc four year 5-3/4 pct bond priced at par, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said.

Rome — Italian medium and long term credit institute Ente Finanziario Interbancario Spa said a shareholders' meeting had authorised the issue of 1,000 billion lire of bonds in several tranches at conditions yet to be set.

London — First Debenure Finance Plc said it is issuing 80 mln sig nominal of guaranteed debenture stock due 2018.

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LBN 8-5/8 1/8	8-5/8 1/2	8-7/8 3/4
FFT 3.00/05	3.85/95	3.70/80
PUR 8-1/4 3/8	8-1/4 3/8	8-5/8 3/4
ZAR 7/8 1-1/8	3-7/8 4-1/8	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRX 5.90	6-11/16 13/16	6-13/16 15/16
ROM 10-1/4 10-5/8	11-1/4 11-3/4	11-1/4 11-3/4
ANS 4-7/16 4-1/2	4-1/2 4-5/8	4-11/16 4-5/8
TOK 3.7500 8125	4.0000 0625	3.8750 9375
EDU 6.25 6.50	7.25 7.37	7.25 7.37

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	4-9/16	5-3/16
3 months	5-1/16	5-9/16
6 months	5-7/16	5-7/8
1 year	5-5/8	6-1/8

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	28.75	28.50	29	MODIALKALI	5.75	--	--
ACC	135	136	137	GRATY120	--	--	--	--	--	--
AIHADV	--	--	--	GSFC	87.50	87.50	87	OKRAY	25	25
AIHADV400	--	--	--	GRATY120	22	22	22	PREAUTO	24.50	24.50
AIHADV 9.75	9.50	9.75	9.75	GRATY120	93.50	94	RAYMOO	--	--	--
AIHADV VLY	--	--	--	HYDALCO	107	107	110	RAYMOO	86	86
BAJAJ AUTO	4325	4250	4325	HYD LAMPS	103	101.50	103	--	--	--
BAR RAYON	142.50	145	142.50	IND ORG	22.50	22	23	SPIC	27.50	27
BOM DYN	94	89	87.50	INDORAT	51.50	52	51.50	STD MILLS	190	190
BOMBAY STOCK PRICES	--	--	--	INDORL	176.50	178.75	178.75	STEEDMICAL	--	--
BSE INDEX	407.92	407.92	407.92	ITC	38	37	38	STEELTUBE	10	--
CENTURYSPS	632.50	637.50	637.50	ITC CD	--	--	--	TATA PUR	187.50	190
COLGATE	188	187.50	188	JK 120	--	--	--	TATACHIE	65	65
DEEPAKERT	31	30.50	31	JKSXTN	57.50	57	58	TATADIL	85	85
DURGACENT	--	--	--	L AND T	76	76	76	TELCO	365	365
FICOM ORG	--	--	--	MAGNARD	--	--	--	UDATPHOSPH	--	--
GARAPOLY	76.50	76	77	MAHINDRA	53	52.50	53.50	VOLTA	300	295

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AEG	210.0
ALLIANZ VR	1215.0
BADENWERK	185.5
BASF	260.5
BAYER	267.8
BAYER HYP	338.0
BAYER VER	329.0
BBC	286.0
BHF	323.0
BHW	476.5
CHEMIE-VER	0
COMMERZBK	231.0
CONIT GUMM	234.0
DALMER BEN	628.5
DEUTSC BNK	417.0
DLW	307.0
DRESNER B	239.5
DT BADCOB	162.5
FAZ INDEX	441.35
FAZ SECIMID	233.0
GUTHOFF	0
HARPENER	360.0
HOECHST AG	262.0
HOECHST	98.5
HORTEN	167.0
HUSSEL HLD	444.0
KALLI SALT	124.0
KARSTADT	452.0
KAUFRUF	410.0
KLOECK H	79.8
KLOECK V	0
LINDE	527.0
LUFTHANSA	127.0
MAN	135.5
MANNESMAN	116.8
MERCEDES	508.0
METALLGES	254.0
NIXDORF	571.0
NORSK NYD	34.70
PHILIP KOM	618.0
PORSCHER	443.5
PREUSSAG	124.0
PWA	178.0
RHEIN	220.5
RHEIN P	211.0
RHEINMETAL	231.0
SALAMANDER	270.0
SCHERING	372.0
SEL	290.0
SIEMENS	382.3
THYSSEN	108.5
WARTA	240.0
VEBA	273.4
VEW	163.0
VOLKSWAGEN	237.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
C H TUNNEL	0
CHUNG K	0
CHINA GAS	0
CHINA L-P	0
CHINA MOTR	0
CHONGHONG	0
EVEREST	0
FAR EAST C	0
GEN ORIENT	0
K C DEVELOP	0
S INDEX	145.71
HANG SENG	0
HANG SENG	0
HAN PAR BR	0
HK ELEC CO	0
HK KOMLOON	0
HK LAND CO	0
HK SHAN BK	0
HK SHAN HT	0
HK TELE CO	0
HUTCH WHAM	0
IND O PAC	0
KARDINE M	0
KOMLOON M	0
NEW WORLD	0
PAUL Y CON	0
REALITY DEV	0
S H K CO	0
S H K PROP	0
STIE DARY	0
STELLUS MFG	0
SWIRE PAC	0
TAT CHEUNG	0
UNITION BANK	0
WOCK HAD	0
WOCK HAD	0
WOCK HAD	0
WORLD INTL	0

AMMAN

JORDAN	OPNG	CLSG
AL HIMME MINERALS	0.79	0.79
AL-NISER EXCHANGE	0.89	0.90
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.17	1.15
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.83	1.83
ARAB BANK	121.5	121.5
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	5.35	5.30
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.47	1.48
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05	1.00
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	---	---
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.91	0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.21	2.20
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.27	0.25
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	2.19	2.19
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	16.90	16.90
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	21.50	22.10
DAR AL SHAH PRESS	0.32	0.31
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.50	1.50
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.46	0.45
DEVELOP/INVEST/FAS.	0.65	0.66
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.60	0.60
GENERAL INSURANCE	1.85	1.80
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.40	1.48
GENERAL MINING.	1.65	1.55
HOLY LAND INS.	1.15	1.17
IND./WATCH JEMCO	0.70	0.69
INDSTR. DEVELOP. BNK	1.35	1.36
INDSTR./COM/AGR.	1.47	1.47
INDUSTRIAL INVEST	---	---
INTERMED/PETRO/CH	1.11	1.10
INTERN. COM/INV	0.64	0.64
IRBID ELECTRICITY	1.01	1.01
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
J.PRESS FOUNDATION	3.50	3.30
JERUSALEM INS.	1.40	1.41
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	1.45	1.40
JOR CEMENT FACT.	1.04	1.04
JOR CERAMIC FACT.	1.08	1.08
JOR ELEC. INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.55	1.54
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.10	1.10
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.91	0.91
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.34	1.28
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.07	1.08
JOR LINE AND BRICK	0.16	0.16
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	---	---
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.55	2.55
JOR PAPER CARDBROG	3.30	3.30
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.50	2.50
JOR PIPES MANUFACT.	1.22	1.23
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.11	2.11
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.00	3.00
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.63	0.63
JOR SECURIT. CORP.	0.91	0.91
JOR TIMBER PROCES.	0.17	0.17
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	0.97	0.97
JOR WORSTED MILL	4.62	4.66
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.51	7.55
JOR. FRENCH INS.	6.26	6.31
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	1.82	1.80
JORDAN BREWERY	3.65	3.65
JORDAN DAIRY	1.03	1.04
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.27	1.28
JORDAN GULF INS.	1.01	1.01
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.90	13.50
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.90	1.90
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.68	1.68
JORDAN TANNING	2.16	2.20
LIVESTOCK/POLTRY	0.70	0.71
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	60.00	60.40
MIDDLE EAST INS.	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.65	0.60
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.63	1.64
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/HF	0.93	0.93
NATIONAL ABLIA INS	1.35	1.35
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.50	0.51
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.73	0.73
NATIONAL STEEL	2.84	2.80
NTS/SHIPPING LINE	0.85	0.85
ORIENTAL BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.05	2.06
PETRA ENTERPRISES	0.60	0.60
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.72	0.72
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.46	0.48
SPINNING WEAVING	0.97	0.97
THE HOUSING BANK	1.68	1.70
UNITED INSURANCE	2.50	2.50
UNIVERSAL CHM. IND	1.26	1.27
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.95	0.94
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.70
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.01	1.01

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	BUY	SELL	BC-A	67.00	73.00
STOCK	LT	BUY	SELL	LC-A	.49
AC-A	7.00	7.00	7.10	LC-B	.51
ANSCOR	3.70	3.70	3.75	PK-A	.48
FER	2.04	2.06	2.06	PK-B	.49
GLO	29.00	29.00	29.50	OIL SECTOR	---
PLDT	141.00	140.00	141.00	BP-A	.013
PCIB	41.00	30.00	SPL. BLK	BP-B	.013
SMC-A	101.00	100.00	101.00	LRC-A	.002
SMC-B	116.00	115.00	116.00	LRC-B	.002
NINING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPM-A	.0575
APX-A	.048	.048	.049	OPM-B	.06
APX-B	.05	.05	.0525	OV-A	.0525
AT-A	22.75	22.50	22.75	OV-B	.0525

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. - IND.	716,650	32,825,825	674.23	1.72 D
MINING	66,611,600	13,496,525	5,664.64	112.39 D
OIL	46,690,000	1,586,420	4.371	0.091 W
TOTAL	114,018,250	47,908,770	706.91	9.84 N

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR					
STOCK	LT	BUY	SELL		
SMC-A	100.00	100.00	101.00	BC-A	70.00
ANSCOR				BC-B	80.00
AGPI-A			60.00	LC-A	.49
AYALA	3.65	3.65	3.70	LC-B	.52
FERT-A	2.02	2.02	2.08	PK-A	.47
FERT-B	2.06	2.02	2.06	OIL SECTOR	
GLO	29.00	29.00	29.50	STOCK LT	BUY
PLDT	141.00	140.00	141.00	BP-A	.013
SDTIRE	26.00	25.50	26.00	BP-B	.014
NINING SECTOR				OPM-A	.06
STOCK LT	BUY	SELL		OPM-B	.0625
APX-A	.049	.049	.05	OV-A	.05
APX-B	.05	.05	.0525	OV-B	.0525
AT-A	22.75	22.50	22.75	SPM-A	.019
AT-B	24.00	27.50	24.00	SPM-B	.019
				TA	.023

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUES	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. - IND.	232,980	2,971,770	677.47	DN 1.55
MINING	144,178,800	23,742,000	5,310.16	DN 141.94
OILS	111,410,000	3,256,110	4.305	DN 0.211
TOTAL	255,821,780	29,969,880	688.65	DN 16.34

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR	CL	GUINNESS	219	214	LION CORP	129	120
ALJINOMOTO	285	285	GULA	-----	-----	M UTD LTD	130	125
ALEXANDRA	160	160	H K T IND.	67	65	M UTD MFG	65	60
ANAL IND	112	112	H L TIND	111	103	M'SHITA	480	480
ANG HLDGS	135	135	H TAI PAN	56	56	M'WATA	80	80
ANGL	204	103	HARIMAU	78	74	MAGNUM	200	196
BATA	260	260	HAW PAR	229	220	HALEX IND	380	380
CARLSBERG	438	430	HEXZA	92	88	MARCOPOLO	66	67
CCM	268	268	HIND HOTL	28	27	MCB HLDGS	75	75
CS HLDGS	31.5	31.5	HTL M'SIA	560	560	MENANG	41	39
DCH	460	460	HTL NEGAR	376	376	METAL BOX	324	324
DUNLOP IND	75	74	HTL PROPS	67	67	M PLEAS.	26.5	26.5
DUTA CON	-----	-----	HTL ROYAL	108	103	MTC BHD	310	310
ESSO ORD	320	320	HUME IND	152	145	MULTIPURP	39	39
EU YAN S	197	197	INA HONG	82	82	MURATSCO	-----	-----
EVERPEACE	-----	-----	INT WOOD	-----	-----	MYCOM BHD	160	160
F A C B	60	60	INTRACO	180	180	NATL IRON	434	432
F A ASSET	80	80	ISETAN	394	394	OC	235	231
F E SHIP	189	180	J CEMENT	59	55	P M C	59	59
FAN ORD	725	710	JACKS LTD	160	160	RALEIGH	104	104
FED CABLE	-----	-----	JOHAN MOG	39.5	39.5	RASA SAYA	-----	-----
FED FLOUR	-----	-----	K G HLDGS	103	103	S JOHORE	-----	-----
FIMA BHD	220	220	K L IND	36	36	S PACIFIC	320	320
G KENT	60.5	60.5	KE SANG	120	120	SAN HLDGS	-----	-----
G KONG	250	250	KECK SENG	143	143	SANYO	204	204
GEN CORP	69	67	KELONG	158	150	SATERAS	34	33
GENIENT	356	344	KG FRIGHT	5	5	SEAL INC	76	76
GOOD COIN	153	153	KG FLOUR	250	250	SHANGRILA	354	348
GOODWOOD	950	950	KIAN JOO	238	238	SIA	870	870
GRAND CEN	90	90	KINGS HTL	106	102	SIN HENG	270	270
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## Another 16 foreign firms win seats on TSE

TOKYO, Dec 16, (Reuters): Tokyo's Stock Exchange, the world's largest, said today it was admitting 16 foreign and six Japanese brokerages following a long and aggressive push by overseas firms for greater access.

Despite an uncertain market outlook in the wake of October's "Black Monday" the foreign firms believe membership of the exchange will assure their status as major players in Tokyo, brokers said.

### Members

The new members will include the following US-owned securities companies: Salomon Brothers Asia, First Boston Asia, American Express's Shearson Lehman Brothers Asia, Smith Barney, Harris Upham International, Prudential Bache Securities Japan and Kidder Peabody International.

Membership will also be granted to the following British-owned firms: Kleinwort Benson International, Baring Securities, Schroder Securities Japan and National Westminster's County Nat West Securities Japan.

Other foreign owned companies to gain membership include Swiss Bank's SBCI Securities Asia, Union Bank of Switzerland's UBS Phillips and Drew International, France's Sogen Securities North Pacific, W I Carr (Overseas), Deutsche Bank AG's DB Capital Markets (Asia) and Dresdner-ABD Securities.

The companies can apply for membership formally in February, when their applications will be approved by an Exchange Board of Directors' meeting. They will be able to start trading as members from May 23, 1988, the exchange said.

The flight of foreign clients from the Tokyo market and declining trade volume since October's crash of world stock markets have some brokers worried about just how fast they can make seats, which will cost nearly 1.2 billion yen (\$9.4 million) a pop.

## GATT sees signs of dairy market recovery

GENEVA, Dec 16, (AP): The world dairy market showed signs of recovery this year after successful efforts in many countries to curb the growth in production that led to large surpluses, according to a report released today.

Total milk production in 1987 is expected to stabilise at the 1986 level of 520 million metric tons, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade says in its annual dairy market survey.

The slowdown in growth results from reduced production in the European Economic Community, New Zealand and the United States, it says.

"While the overall decline appears to be modest, it gave hope that the upward trend in production that had persisted for many years had finally been halted, or even reversed," said the report.

At the same time, it said, sales of surplus stocks of butter and anhydrous milk fat at low prices kept the international market fragile in 1987.

But the production cuts lend "some hope for market improvement in 1988," it said, adding that the expected improvement comes from forecasts that output will decline in North America, the European Economic Community, Australia and New Zealand.

Prices for cheese and milk powders firmed in 1987 as demand for imports increased and available exports decreased, the report said.

## Dollar steadies, gold sinks

LONDON, Dec 16, (Reuters): The dollar steadied and oil prices slid today, but dealers said they were unsure whether the prospect of lower inflation because of cheaper oil would calm nervous financial markets for long.

Shares mainly firmed. London's benchmark FTSE 100 share index was up 27.2 points, or 1.6 per cent, to 1,690 at 1200 GMT. But Tokyo, the world's biggest market, eased slightly.

Most dealers in currencies and shares were still waiting for news of progress in cutting the twin US budget and trade deficits. As they wait, few expect the dollar will move much from its current levels of just above 1.63 West German marks and 127 yen.

### Historic

The dollar hit historic lows four days in a row after last Thursday's report of a record US trade deficit for October. Its slide depressed share prices in Europe and Asia.

"The US may not be actively seeking a dollar decline but it certainly does not seem ready to say it has fallen far enough and take action to stop it falling further," said a Frankfurt currency dealer.

So, despite sliding oil prices — Brent crude from the North Sea dropped 40 cents a barrel to a low of \$15.84 this morning — the dollar remains under pressure. It

was the first time Brent had been under \$16 since March.

Oil prices fell after Opec agreed to extend its current \$18 reference price. Traders doubt the agreement will buoy the price of oil, given the glut on world markets.

### Sluggish

Lower oil prices should mean lower inflation and faster expansion for a still-sluggish global economy.

That depressed gold prices as many investors like bullion as a hedge against inflation. The price of gold was fixed at \$486.75 an ounce in London, down \$2 from yesterday's close. Gold, which began 1987 just under \$400 an ounce, moved above \$500 on Monday for the first time since February, 1983.

"Everybody seems to be almost certain that the US dollar is near its lows and, if this is the case, gold is going to find it difficult to run through \$500," one Australian stockbroker said.

In Sydney, falling prices for mining companies shares pushed the all ordinaries share index down six points to 1,242.7.

But regarding the currency markets, one London dealer said: "The strategy is still sell on dollar rallies."

"There seems to be a lot of confusion in the United States about

what they want to do about the dollar," said Craig Chudler of brokers Smith New Court Far East, in Tokyo. "Which may mean the dollar is going to fall."

That belief depressed Japanese shares and the Nikkei 225-share index slipped 27.31 points to close at 22,819.42.

Investors fear that a weak dollar will cut big companies' export earnings by pricing their goods out of the US market and helping their American competitors carve out bigger shares of foreign markets.

West German shares rose, with the 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index up 3.86 points, or 1.4 per cent, at 281.63. Trading, however, was light.

### Dragging

"Previously, the low volume was dragging the market down. Now it's the other way round with small orders pulling it upwards," a Frankfurt dealer said.

The Paris bourse indicator rose 1.05 per cent, while Amsterdam's CBE All-Share index rose 0.4 points to open at 65.5. Swiss shares were steady.

Hong Kong shares rose, with the Hang Seng index up 65.09 points, or 3.1 per cent, to close at 2,145.71, as investors took heart from Wall Street's modest rise yesterday. Singapore shares rose 1.7 per cent.

## Major US banks may not follow Bank of Boston in write-offs

NEW YORK, Dec 16, (AP): The nation's major banks probably will not follow the lead of Bank of Boston Corp. and write off millions of dollars in loans to developing countries, bankers and financial analysts said today.

Citicorp and Chase Manhattan Corp., the nation's two largest bank holding companies, indicated they had no plans to write off any loans.

But investors seemed to think the banks would take further steps. Bank company stocks fell sharply on Wall Street.

Chase Manhattan stock slumped \$2.25 a share to \$20.125, Chemical New York Corp., the parent of Chemical Bank, dropped \$3.25 to 20.75, and manufacturers Hanover Co. stock skidded \$2.375 to \$24.25.

### Loans

Bank of Boston, the nation's 15th-largest bank holding company, said Monday it would write off \$200 million in loans to

Third World nations as part of a reorganisation of its \$1 billion loan portfolio to underdeveloped countries.

The company said the move would result in a quarterly loss of between \$50 million and 60 million, although the bank said it probably would show a small profit for all of 1987.

Earlier this year, as the financial condition of several Latin American nations worsened, major banks added huge amounts of money to their loan loss reserves to cover potential bad loans. The first to take the step was Citicorp, which added \$3 billion to its reserves.

### Call

Citicorp, the nation's largest bank company, indicated Tuesday it had no plans to write off any loans, which is a more drastic step.

"Bank of Boston made a judgement call on the basis of its own

market position and situation," said Bill Koplowitz, a Citicorp spokesman. "We don't regard it as a precedent for ourselves."

At No. 2 Chase Manhattan, which increased its reserves by \$1.6 billion during the spring, spokesman Fraser Seitel said Bank of Boston's move "hasn't caused us to alter (our) plans."

Officials at other major banks, including manufacturers Hanover Trust and Bankamerica Corp., declined comment.

Wall Street analysts said they did not expect write-offs by the nation's largest banks.

"I don't think that Bank of Boston is a trendsetter, particularly for the money-centre banks" such as Citicorp, Chase Manhattan and Bankamerica, said Cheryl Swaim, an analyst with Oppenheimer and Co.

However, she said, "the medium-size regions might decide to do what they have done."

## US housing construction up

WASHINGTON, Dec 16, (AP): Housing construction shot up 7.5 per cent in November, the biggest increase in almost a year, the US government said today.

The Commerce Department said that construction of new homes and apartments surged to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.64 million units last month, indicating that builders were continuing to put up new housing despite the collapse in stock prices. The increase represented a rebound from October, when housing construction had fallen 9.6 per cent.

However, building permits — considered a good sign of future activity — fell 0.7 per cent in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.45 million units. That was the slowest pace since January 1983. Permit applications have shown little strength since March.

### Shock

Even without the shock to the economy from the stock market crash, many analysts had been predicting housing activity would weaken in the coming year in part because of the expected increases in mortgage rates.

Interest rates in November, however, fell by a full percentage point from a two-year high in October as the Federal Reserve Board, the United States' Central Bank, loosened credit conditions in an effort to keep the stock market collapse from jeopardising the entire financial

system. Fixed-rate, 30-year mortgage reached a high of 11.58 per cent, on average, on Oct 16, but had dropped to 10.55 per cent at the end of November.

### Spending

In a second report today, the Commerce Department said that business investment spending is expected to rise 7.3 per cent next year following an expected advance of 2.3 per cent this year.

The estimate of how much businesses will spend to expand and modernise was based on a survey taken in October and November.

The 7.5 per cent increase in November construction was the biggest one-month gain since a 10.8 per cent jump last December.

Over the first 10 months of the year, housing construction was down 9.6 per cent compared to the same period a year ago.

American factories, mines and utilities operated at 81.7 per cent of capacity in November, the fastest pace in more than three years, the government said today.

The Federal Reserve said that the operating rate climbed from 81.5 per cent in October, reflecting the fact that American industry continued to benefit from stronger export sales.

In October, the operating rate was a revised 81.5 per cent, a 0.5 percentage point increase from the September level. November's

operating rate of 81.7 per cent was the highest since August of 1984.

In 1985 and 1986, American manufacturers were forced to shut down factories and lay off workers because of stiff foreign competition. But this year, the weaker dollar has boosted American export sales even though the foreign trade deficit has actually gotten worse because imports are now more expensive.

American manufacturing plants operated at 82 per cent of capacity in November, up from 81.8 per cent in October. This included an operating rate of 79.9 per cent at factories making durable goods, items expected to last three or more years, and an even higher rate of 85.1 per cent at factories making non-durable goods.

## Finnish team meets Nakeeb

THE visiting Finnish trade delegation yesterday met the deputy general director of Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources for Technical Affairs Ahmed Al Nakeeb.

During the meeting, they reviewed agriculture cooperation between Kuwait and Finland. The delegation arrived here last Monday to participate in the third joint Kuwaiti-Finnish committee meetings.

## Congress works on budget as trade deficit widens

WASHINGTON, Dec 16, (AP): The US trade deficit widened to a record \$43.4 billion in the third quarter as government leaders worked on finishing up spending and tax bills needed to meet deficit-reduction commitments.

The Commerce Department said today that from July to September the United States also ran a deficit with the rest of the world in investment earnings for the first time in 29 years.

It said the imbalance in the nation's current account from July through September topped the previous record deficit of \$41.2 billion set in the April-June quarter.

### Assets

The mounting international deficit figures pushed the United States further into the hole as the world's largest debtor nation, a status which means foreigners now own more in US assets than Americans hold in foreign assets.

Analysts estimated the country's net debt to the rest of the world would top \$400 billion by the end of this year, a startling turn-around in just five years from being the world's largest creditor nation. That distinction now is held by Japan.

Meanwhile, congressional budget negotiators worked to iron out an agreement as President Ronald Reagan warned that he will not be pressured into signing spending and tax bills that stray too far from his priorities.

### Compromise

With virtually all of the US government's fiscal 1988 programme contained in two huge packages of legislation, Senate and House of Represent-

atives conferees tried to find compromise on issues ranging from aid to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua to taxes on business mergers and acquisitions.

There were 28 different groups of negotiators — 15 on the bill covering taxes and benefits and 13 on the record \$600 billion spending bill covering military and domestic agencies.

### Spending

"I have never had to use my veto pen on Christmas eve, but then this will be the biggest spending bill you have ever sent down," Reagan said at a meeting with Republican congressional leaders.

The president insisted the budget include funding for the Contras, the Senate voted to continue subsidising the rebels, but the House declined.

In a second, more optimistic economic report yesterday, the Federal Reserve said that American industry operated at 81.7 per cent of capacity in November, the highest operating rate since August 1984.

The November figure was an improvement from an October operating rate of 81.5 per cent and was an indication that American industry continues to benefit from expanding sales of American exports even though the trade deficit is stubbornly refusing to decline because of steady increases in the dollar-level of imports.

The current account is considered the most important trade figure because it measures not only trade in merchandise but also trade in services, primarily the flow of investment earnings between countries.

The deterioration in the country's international accounts was emphasised in the new report, which showed that the country ran a \$615 million deficit in the investment category in the July-September quarter, the first time this account has been deficit since 1958.

While the United States has run a deficit in merchandise trade for 15 of the past 16 years, the total current account was in surplus as recently as 1981 because Americans' earnings on overseas investments were enough to offset the merchandise trade deficits.

A flood of foreign goods has wiped out the cushion once provided by investment earnings as Americans have transferred billions of dollars to foreigners to pay for imported goods. This situation has made the United States the world's largest debtor country.

### Jumped

Foreign ownership of businesses in the United States and investments in real estate and stocks and bonds jumped by \$68 billion while US ownership of similar foreign investments was rising by \$29.2 billion in the third quarter.

This transfer of wealth overseas will slow growth in the United States and lower the country's standard of living, economists said.

Adding to the third quarter deficit was an increase in the imbalance in merchandise trade shipments, with imports swelling to a level \$39.83 billion higher than US exports, up slightly from a \$39.6 billion second quarter deficit in merchandise trade.

## US to cut sugar import quota

WASHINGTON, Dec 16, (AP): The annual US sugar import quota will be reduced by 25 per cent in 1988 to a 113-year low of slightly more than 750,000 tons, the government announced today.

Critics of the current programme say domestic sugar prices are kept artificially high, thus triggering greater production by American growers. That means less cheaper foreign sugar is needed each year.

Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Lyng said the 1988 quota represents a 75 per cent reduction from the quota of just four years ago.

### Decision

"The decision to reduce imports is a difficult and painful one," Lyng said in his statement. "The administration (of President Ronald Reagan) will continue to seek avenues to amend existing legislation and reduce price supports to make the sugar programme more market oriented and rational."

US Trade representative Clayton Yeutter said the 1988 quota will be the smallest since 1875.

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Aunt Barbara

## Children's literature

1. Who were the other three members of the Outlaws the gang led by Richmal Crompton's William?
2. Name the character whose first words every morning were "What's for breakfast?"
3. In which novel did the ship Hispaniola play a large part?
4. Can you name the author of the Oz books?
5. In what book do Hazel, Bigwig, Blackberry and General Woundwort appear?
6. Who was Peter Pan's fairy? What was the name of the land where the children encountered mermaids, Red-skies, and pirates?
7. Who wrote Toad of Toad Hall?
8. Which novel has been called the 'epic of American boyhood'?
9. For what is Sir John Tenniel most remembered?
10. What delightful fable was written by Antoine de Saint Exupéry?

Answers: 1. Ginger, Henry, and Douglas. 2. Winnie-the-Pooh in the A.A. Milne books. 3. Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson. 4. L. Frank Baum. 5. Watership Down, by Richard Adams. 6. Tinker Bell. Neverland (not Never-Never Land). 7. A.A. Milne. The play is based on Kenneth Grahame's book, The Wind in the Willows. 8. Huckleberry Finn. 9. The illustrations for Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass. 10. The Little Prince.

By Charlie Chester

THERE was once a beautiful Queen who lived in Primrose Valley. She was known as the Queen of the Flowers and naturally her lovely young baby daughter was called the Flower Princess.

As she was nearly a year old it was soon to be the birthday of the Flower Princess, and her first birthday was to be a special one.

All the little elves and gnomes and dwarfs from the forest wanted to buy her some lovely presents, but the Flower Queen said: "No ... No one shall buy any presents for the young baby Princess. But," she said, "she will be pleased to receive any present that you make with your own hands."

This proclamation set the whole woodland buzzing with excitement, and

## The flower princess

they all started to decide what they would make the little Princess for a gift. Each of them wanted to give the present ... and this is just what the Queen wanted, for they had been rather lazy and disgruntled lately. This will keep them occupied, she thought, and she was right!

They took a long time deciding what they would make, and finally some of them said: "We'll make a beautiful big cake for her with sugar and almonds and icing. It will be the biggest, loveliest cake of all."

Others said: "Ah, we'll be different. She won't be able to eat a cake, she'll be far too young. Let's make her a beautiful doll's house, she will love that." They started at once cutting up the wood and sawing and planning and ham-

mering away merrily.

Then a few of them got together and said: "We'll make her a beautiful party dress. It will be the finest dress a Princess has ever worn, with the finest silks and satins. She will look more beautiful than ever." They started to cut and stitch and sew.

There was a little group that said: "Ah, now she is a Princess and a Princess must wear a crown, so we will make her a crown of gold and silver and we'll make it glitter with diamonds." Each little group kept its secret about what it was going to make for a present.

There was one little dwarf called Noni ... actually he was called that because he had no name at all ... so they called him Noni. He was a gardener, and he was very upset because all he could do was to grow flowers. He couldn't make anything at all with his hands and it was true that he looked after the flowers, but everyone knows that you can't make real flowers ... not with your hands ... you can only help them to grow.

One day, he was sitting looking most unhappy when a little fairy, hopped onto his knee. "Why do you look so worried and sad?" she asked, and the little dwarf told her.

"I can't make anything. I am a gardener, I can only help things to grow and I did want to do something."

"What would you like to make for the Princess?"

asked the fairy.

"I would just like to make her happy," Noni said.

"What a beautiful answer! I shall see to it that you will."

Noni the dwarf looked at the fairy for a moment, and she smiled at him.

"You are going to make something with your own hands," she said. With a wave of her wand she tapped the ground, and there suddenly was a little violin and bow.

The little dwarf could hardly believe his eyes. He picked up the violin and drew the bow gently across the strings.

Then, as he played on, he noticed that the climbing roses were climbing even higher, and when he stopped the roses stopped.

Noni laughed and clapped his hands with joy. "Thank you, little fairy," he said. "Now I can go to the Palace and make my present to the Princess."

The great day came when they all took their presents to the little Princess. When they all arrived she happened to be crying (she was only one year old, after all).

"Just wait till she sees our present," one of them said. "She'll stop crying then for sure." And they uncovered the giant birthday cake. The Queen thanked them and was very happy and proud of them ... but the poor little Princess still cried.

Next, the others showed her the lovely crown that they had made ... and the



Queen said how beautiful it was ... and still the Princess wept on and on.

Then up stepped little Noni the dwarf and someone said: "What have you brought?"

Noni said: "I have these little plant pots full of earth."

"You can't give a Princess pots of earth?" they cried. They were going to push him out ... but Noni waved his little violin that the fairy had brought him.

Someone shouted: "Any present given here has to be made with your hands only."

Noni replied: "Yes, I know. I am going to make music with my hands ... just see what happens. Keep your eyes on those little flower pots."

They all stared at the flower pots and Noni the dwarf began to play. Suddenly the earth in the pots began to move upwards ... then a flower broke through ... and as the little dwarf played the most lovely flowers they had ever seen began to bloom in front of their eyes.

The sound of the music stopped the little Princess

crying, and she too looked at the flowers growing. Then the little embroidered flowers on the coverlet of her bed began to grow too ... even the flowers on the wall paper ... and when they looked out of the window, the garden was a mass of blossom!

The Queen just couldn't believe it. She told Noni that his was the most wonderful present of them all just right for a Flower Princess. "What is your name, little man?" she asked.

"They call me Noni, because I haven't got a name," he replied.

"Nonsense," said the Queen. "You not only have a name, you have a job too. From now on you shall be the Royal Gardener ... what's more, we shall all affectionately call you green fingers."

And to this day all the people who are clever at growing things in the garden are called just that ... all in honour of a little dwarf who wanted to make a Princess happy ... the little dwarf called green fingers.

## The curse of the lost idol

THAT night, Annie lay awake in her narrow cabin bunk, listening to the water lapping against the sides of the boat. Every so often she thought she heard a chomping noise. Crocodiles? Impossible. There weren't any crocodiles in the river — were there?

But she could definitely hear something. This time there was a clumping sound as well. It was the sort of noise made by someone wearing boots that are far too big.

Annie decided to investigate. She crept to the door in bare feet and took a deep breath ready to face whatever monster lurked outside. Then she pushed against the door with all her might.

The door flew open with a loud crash. Annie heard a high pitched squeal as she lunged into the little person with a lopsided moustache. He was chewing a very sticky toffee.

"I'm very sorry, Mr. ..."

Annie said, feeling very embarrassed.

The little person said nothing. He rearranged his moustache and pointed at an envelope lying on the deck.

Annie was puzzled. She opened the envelope cautiously and examined the contents. It contained a hand-drawn map and a crumpled scrap of paper. Annie read its mysterious message — it was not easy. She didn't really believe the message. It seemed too silly for words.

What does the message say?

## Doctor, doctor



Doctor, doctor, I'm suffering from amnesia. Take these pills and you'll soon forget all about it.

Doctor, doctor, nobody takes me seriously. You're kidding.

Doctor, doctor, my daughter thinks she's an actress. Don't worry — it's just a stage she's going through.

Doctor, doctor, I've broken my leg. What shall I do? Limp.

Doctor, doctor, I've been stung by a bee. Shall I put some ointment on it?

Don't be silly — it must be miles away by now.

Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a goat. How long have you felt like that? Ever since I was a kid.

Doctor, doctor, what do you charge for treating a split personality? Fifteen pounds each.

Doctor, doctor, what makes me flush so easily? It's simply a chain reaction.

Doctor, doctor, my wife thinks she's a traffic warden. Tell her I'll meter later.

Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a dog. Well, I'll be doggone. Lie on the couch, will you? Sorry — I'm not allowed on the furniture.

Doctor, doctor, I'm allergic to the high jump. Don't worry — you'll soon get over it.

Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm an owl. Don't be such a twit.

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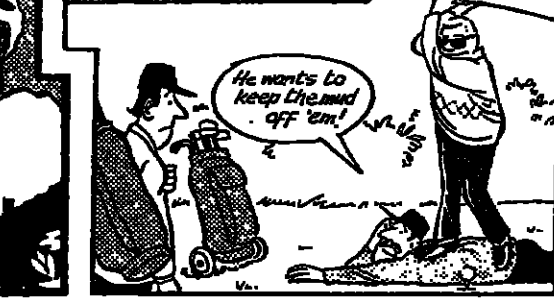
THE HIGHEST FORCE ENCOUNTERED IN NATURE IS THE AVERAGE FORCE BY THE CLICK BEETLE (CARABUS HAEBOHNDOLUS) WHEN JACK-HOPPING. ONE EXAMPLE MEASURING 0.47m (12mm) IN LENGTH AND WEIGHING 0.0004m (40mg) JUMPED TO A HEIGHT OF 118m (389m) AND WAS CALCULATED TO HAVE ENDED A PEAK BRAIN DECELERATION OF 2300g.



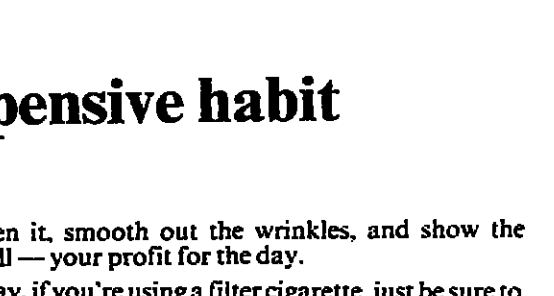
THE WORLD'S LARGEST SHOE WAS MADE BY ANTONIO ALONSO DE LA REYES OF MADRID, SPAIN. IT MEASURES 4.26 ft (1.3m) IN LENGTH, WEIGHS 15 lb (7 kg) AND REQUIRED THE SIGN OF TWO COWS.



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## Magic tricks

## Smoking is an expensive habit

## The illusion

You prayerfully roll a cigarette between your two palms and it mysteriously changes into a dollar bill.

## The preparation:

You prepare a cigarette by removing almost all of the tobacco. This is easily done by rolling the cigarette on the table making the tobacco squeeze itself out of one end (1). Keep working toward this end and remove the tobacco until you have room for the bill in the hollow paper shell. There also will be a small plug of tobacco left at the other end.

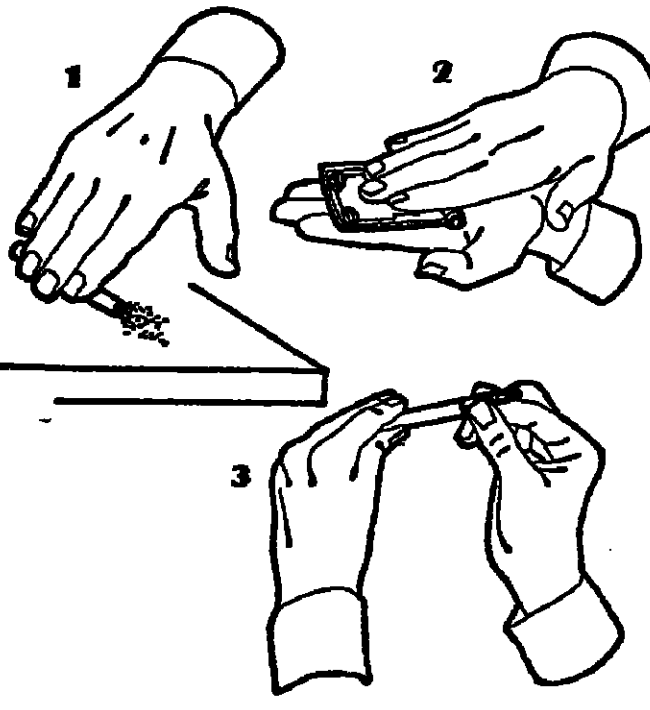
Now the bill must be rolled tightly enough to fit into the cigarette. The fastest way to do this is to roll one end of the bill so that it becomes curled. Now moisten the palm of one hand and place the bill between your two hands with the curled end on the heel of that hand (2). Roll the bill in the direction of the curl and it will start rolling itself into a tight tube. When you get to the end of a stroke (when your two hands run out of rolling space) carefully place the bill back at its starting point and roll it again until it can be inserted into the hollow cigarette. Slide it into the paper tube as far as it will go, let go of it, and it will expand to fill the inside of the cigarette paper (3). Tamp down the plug of loose tobacco on the other end and you're ready.

## The trick.

Remove the prepared cigarette from your pack, surreptitiously wet your palms, and put it between your two palms. Rub the tube briskly and the thin paper will wad itself up into infinitesimal pieces of paper leaving just the

bill. Open it, smooth out the wrinkles, and show the dollar bill — your profit for the day.

By the way, if you're using a filter cigarette, just be sure to tear off the filter end before you rub the wet cigarette between your hands.



The idole is in GREAT danger. a bunch of RUFFIAN crooks are after it and I am worried. Remember the curse of the idole.... it will take its revenge. Keep your eyes open and beware. Trust no one. Good luck.

P.S. here is a map. it might be useful - you never know.

With the spelling corrected, the message says:

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## ACCOMMODATION

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KUWAIT City, opp G.P.O. Fahad Al Salem Street. Accommodation for a Goan or Mangalorean bachelor to share with a Goan family. Rent KD40. Tele Sequera 2410671.

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TOYOTA Cressida 1986, silver grey, self driven, 18,000 kms. Owner leaving Kuwait. KD. 2800. Tele. Jaideep, 2457630, 9 am - 12 noon.

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(AT6-40089-3)

HYUNDAI Excel 1.5 GLS, December 85, automatic, 23,000 kms in excellent condition. KD. 1050. Tele. Mr Tony, 2422085 Off. 5813644 Res.

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(AT5-40070-3)

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SWEDISH living room furniture, carpet, curtains, one year old, 4 small cupboards, baby bicycle, B&O audio system and Toyota Corona, 79 model. Tele. 5633358.

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○ ..... مہلک ہیں لوگ جو کچھ دینی کے کثے سے  
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گرا بیٹھو۔  
○ ..... گفتگو میں اختلاف سے کام نہ لیں بلکہ طوالت گفتگو  
کا کچھ حصہ داخل سے مٹا کر روکیجے۔  
○ ..... مہلک ہیں لوگ جو فریضہ میں رازی کو روکیگا اجماعی بات کہتے  
کا ذکر و بارہم نہ لے۔  
○ ..... کسی کو گنجینہ سے کچھ نہ کہیں۔  
○ ..... ضرورت سے کہیں نہ بھولنا۔  
○ ..... مہلک ہیں لوگ جو ۱۰۰ جہاد میں لڑ کر

## سستی

دوب کنوئٹ کے تکی ہونے کے واقفہ پر  
یہ رات کے مشہور ادیب ملک راج آئندہ  
خصوصی افسانہ جسے انگریزی سے  
سید صفدر نے ترجمہ کیا۔

سرت سے اس کا کیا حال ہو  
 قادرِ بحرِ مدنی کی لپٹی ہو  
 اس کو مل جائے وقت سے اس سے  
 کہ کھلا کر سے میں دیکھ  
 کہ کس طرح اپنی جہادِ تہ  
 باقاعدہ میں بھی جب اس  
 نے یہ زنا سائل روٹی کا کھان  
 سے اپنی پہلی ایک خیر  
 جی ہو کہ کھوہر اس طرح  
 سے وہ خول پر جایا تھا کہ  
 چہاں سے وہ کس سے ساتھ  
 جلی تھیں وہ جلی تھیں گے  
 کھیں سے ہوئے ہوئے کے  
 کی وہ دو جلی تھیں سے  
 آگے چل گئے اس کو آواز  
 میں جو اس میں دن تک  
 آگے چل گئے اس کو آواز

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موت کا سایہ میت سے لمبا ہو کر  
اس کی طرف بڑھ رہا تھا

”جیل آئے۔“ اس کی سانس نے اسے پیچھے سے  
 پایا۔ اس نے باغی آنگھوں سے آنسو پیچھے کے لئے  
 اپنے ہاتھ اٹھایا۔ اس نے سہاگت کے لئے آئے  
 دو لوگ اسے محسوس نہیں کیے، ”جو اپنے ساتھ اپنے  
 مرقعے لے کر آئی۔ اس نے جیل  
 کے پیش کی طرف مڑ کر اپنے ساتھ دھڑکنے لگا دیا۔  
 ”جیل جی۔“ اس کی سانس نے اسے ٹوکا

## راستہ تلاش کئے

جیہ سرکس، کا چوکرھے سب دو گولہ کو  
ہنسائے ہنسائے گھر کا راستہ بکول  
گیا ہے۔ راستہ کا نقشہ اس کے پاس  
میں چھپا ہوا ہے۔ یہ راستہ تلاش  
کرتے ہیں ہنسائے ہنسائے والے اس  
چوکرھے ملدے پیچھے۔

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مسکرائے

ایک صاحب دوڑے دوڑے ڈالنے کے پاس پہنچے  
 انھوں میں خوف کی کھجور اور چرے پر ہوائیں اڑتی  
 چلی جاتے تھے وہ ڈالنے صاحب غصہ ہو کر تقریباً آدھ  
 ٹیکسٹس کے غلطی سے کمرے کی قلم کمر لے رہے۔  
 کمرے کی بات میں ڈالنے کے تسلی اور مجھے یقین ہے  
 اس قلم برداشت نہیں آئے گا۔

احمد سلطان سائمر

یونانیوں کا فلسفہ "اوز"  
جواب حقیقت میں گیا ہے

پرانے زمانے کے یونانیوں نے کلاسیک میں ایک ایسی  
کاتھوریس میں ایک پتھر پر اپنا فلسفہ اس کا نام اوز رکھا  
اس کی اصل کو فریضی کا نام اوز قرار دیا اور وہ چیلن پر حکومت  
کے لیے تھی (مگر کہ اس کا سائنس دانوں نے ان کا نام اپنا پیش  
کے لیے ایک خوب مشہور کیا اس کا کھدو کلاسیک کے دور اور  
یونانیوں کے زمانے سے بڑی پہلی مسوول کا وقت  
کے کام کے گرنے کی حکام پر قبضہ اور چین شمال  
کا کاتھوریس (پیرس) کے گوشے کے نیچے خاص  
سی سے بہرے کی ذمہ حقیقی سے کوئی رابطہ قائم نہ  
الیزبتھس اور خدائی حقیقت کے سلسلے خاصہ

اصل ہے۔

صرف ایک جگہ دوسرے ترقی یافتہ یونان میں بھی  
تجدید خلی کوکب نصب ہیں جن کے دے دیے  
بڑی خلیات اور موصول کے لیے اس سے ملے  
موادلات کو مست ترقی ہوئی ہے جن سے دنیا کا ہر ملک  
چاہے۔

سائنس اور حق

یاضیات کے ماہر، اور عمر یا میٹر کے موجد گیلیلو کے کہانے

**انبیاء و اہل کتب ہر زمانے کے بابر جو اس کا داغ غم منشی منصفوں میں اکابر کا ہوا اس کے پُرستھا**

کے سرحد کی تلخ سر سیلاب داغ میں جو ہیں بھر کر کیا تھا اس کے  
 وندوں کو ایک خیال سے بھر گیا تھا کہ یہاں ان کی قوم  
 اس کے غم سے بے خبر ہے۔ یہاں سے جہاز منسلکات اور شے کے  
 مذہبی عزالت نے گیلوبہ کو کیا پایہ دیا ہے کہ اس کے  
 طریقہ ان کی حق پرست ہے کہ اس کے سرحد گیلوبہ چہرے  
 کے خاموشی راہ باب و ہر ماہیو باغ قناد اور ہر شے کے  
 قتلہ تک پہنچیں کہیں گیلوبہ کا کھنکھاتی جس میں یہ غلی  
 قحی کہ جس پر کو اس کے سرحد سے کیا قناد اور اتنی حق  
 آنی کے چہرے تک ان کی حق پرست میں یہ حق  
 وہ چہرے کو اور کھنکھاتی جس میں گیلوبہ نے قناد اور وہ  
 جہاز منصفوں کے یہی گیلوبہ نے قناد اور وہ  
 وندوں کے سامنے چہرے کہ اس کے سرحد گیلوبہ کا کھنکھاتی

اورادو ذہانت سے بہت خوش ہوئے لیکن بعد میں کچھ متلاف رہنے لگا تو کچھ جلیلیو اکٹرا کر اپنی رائے کو سمجھ بکھتا تھا جو کیا لوگ دور دراز کے جہاز کو دیکھتے تو حیران رہ جاتے ہیں کیا مکمل دور جہاز ایسا علوم پر مبنی تھا جسے پانچ میل کے فاصلے

تھالیلیو نے جو انکم چیز ایجاد کی وہ خود زمین تھی یا کسی سے بعد اس کا پتہ اور لیسر نے ناقص علاج کاروں کا کاملا

پاکستان اسکول کی جین بین الاقوامی

عالم شرقی حضرت عبدالعزیز ابن سعود کی ایک گروہ کو عرب کے قریب دولت پاکستان اسکول قائل راجہ محمد صفی۔ تقرری میں اس کے طلبہ و طالبات نے عبدالعزیز ابن سعود کی شہری دولت کے طلبہ و طالبات کی طرح شہرہ آفاق اسکول میں شمولیت اختیار کی۔ حضرت شہنشاہ عبدالعزیز ابن سعود کی شہرہ آفاق اسکول میں شمولیت کے بعد اس کے طلبہ و طالبات نے علم "قبائل" میں پیش قدمی کی اور وہ اس کے طلبہ و طالبات کی طرح شہرہ آفاق اسکول میں شمولیت اختیار کی۔ حضرت شہنشاہ عبدالعزیز ابن سعود کی شہرہ آفاق اسکول میں شمولیت کے بعد اس کے طلبہ و طالبات نے علم "قبائل" میں پیش قدمی کی اور وہ اس کے طلبہ و طالبات کی طرح شہرہ آفاق اسکول میں شمولیت اختیار کی۔

حالت میں دیکھ کر ہنس رہے تھے غصہ تو آجائے لیکن انھوں نے کچھ کر نہیں سکتے تھے اور پھر کہ میں ورنہ اتنا شہرہ کیسی

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فرق معلوم ہے

ایک جیسی نظر نے والی دو مختلف تصویروں پر پندرہ جگہ سے مختلف ہیں۔ اس فرق کو تلا بجھنا اور داد پانے

HEY! I HAVE A GOOD IDEA TO IMPROVE THE SHOW.

GOOD, WHEN ARE YOU LEAVING?

WELL, I DON'T. I HAVE A GOOD IDEA TO IMPROVE THE SHOW.

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# عرب ٹائمز

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## تین ہزاروں برطانوی فضائیہ کے بحری ایلان ٹیگٹ نانی ٹیسکر پر ایک برس کے لیے قید

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## مقبوضہ عرب علاقوں میں اسرائیلی فوجوں کی بڑھتی ہوئی سرگرمیاں



اسرائیلی فوجوں کے مقبوضہ عرب علاقوں میں اسرائیلی فوجوں کی بڑھتی ہوئی سرگرمیاں۔

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## پاکستان کو اسرائیل کی موت نہ دے گا

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## سوویت یونین اور عراق میں اشتباہات

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شمالی عراق کی کھلی ہوئی فوجوں کی شہر گولہ باری تین افراد زخمی۔ شمالی عراق کی کھلی ہوئی فوجوں کی شہر گولہ باری تین افراد زخمی۔

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# Sweden tipped to rout India in Davis Cup



Edberg: still recovering

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Dec 16, (Reuters): The 76th Davis Cup final between Sweden and India is the type of sporting contest, which, if held in a boxing ring, would see a towel thrown in before the fighters had removed their robes.

Cold logic suggests the Indians, led by 34-year-old Los Angeles film producer Vijay Amritraj, will find the weather depressing, the indoor clay court unsympathetic, and the Swedish squad fiercely determined when play begins on Friday.

**Reserve**  
Even Sweden's non-playing captain Hans Olsson, usually a master of Scandinavian reserve on such occasions, has admitted he can envisage just one outcome in Gothenburg.

"India are not a bad team, but I'd be surprised if we won 4-1 say, rather than 5-0," said Olsson with as much tact as he could muster.

Sweden, bidding for a fourth

Davis Cup triumph, could field three different teams all capable of beating India on the same slow Gothenburg court on which they humiliated John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors in the 1984 final.

The Swedes have seven players ranked above top Indian Ramesh Krishnan and even the possible loss of world number two Stefan Edberg with a sprained ankle has not unduly worried Olsson.

Should Edberg fail to recover, Mats Wilander and Anders Jarryd will probably share the responsibility in the singles with Wilander partnering Joakim Nyström in Saturday's doubles.

When it is recalled that Kent Carlsson, Mikael Pernfors and Jonas Svensson, all of whom are ranked higher than Krishnan, did not even make the final squad, Sweden's strength in depth is truly awesome.

Fortunately for tennis, the Indians are no realists, having read similar sports obituaries

before their earlier ties against Israel, Argentina and Australia. "We haven't played a Davis Cup match this year in which we've even been close to being regarded as favourites," said Amritraj. "That said, we're not exactly leaping up and down with delight at the prospect of facing Sweden."

"They have 18 good players, not just one... but they're going to have to win it, we're not going to give it to them."

India have reached their third Davis Cup final — they lost to Australia in 1966 and refused to play South Africa eight years later — after a series of unlikely but dashing victories.

They beat Argentina 3-2 when Amritraj came from two sets down to defeat 22-year-old Martin Jaite, then won by a similar score in Melbourne after Wimbledon champion Pat Cash had been ruled out of the singles by injury.



Becker: nominated by W. Germany

## Graf and Becker to play in next year's Olympics

LONDON, Dec 16, (AP): Steffi Graf, the world's top-ranked women's player, and Boris Becker, the two-time Wimbledon men's singles champion, are set to play for West Germany in next year's Olympic tournament.

who will be going for gold next September.

Tennis is being played as a gold-medal sport in the Seoul Games for the first time since 1924. It also is open to professional players for the first time, under guidelines adopted by the International Olympic Committee last May.

In 1985 in Los Angeles, tennis was a demonstration sport. Graf won the women's singles and Stefan Edberg of Sweden won the men's singles.

The 1988 Olympic tournament will have singles draw of 64 men and 48 women. The deadline for national tennis federations to submit provision rosters to the ITF is Dec 31.

## Tomba wins slalom

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, Italy, Dec 16, (AP): Italy's Alberto Tomba today became the first Italian skier to win four consecutive World Cup races as he won a men's slalom in this fashionable dolomite resort.

Tomba, who will turn 21 Saturday, clocked the fastest time in both heats down the steep and icy Miramonti course for a winning total of 1:43.97 minutes.

Austrian Rudolf Nierlich finished second, 1.34 seconds behind the winner, improving four places from the first heat.

Yugoslav veteran Bojan Kijac placed third, 1.57 seconds behind.

try," Tomba said at the finish line.

Thousands of Italian fans, waving flags, playing horns and drums, went wild as the new Italian ski idol again stunned the opposition through two aggressive but faultless runs.

He had heat times of 51.67 and 52.30 seconds down a difficult course which had 58 and 64 gates in the two runs.

Nierlich, a 21-year-old from St Wolfgang who was second to Tomba also in the giant slalom in Val Badia, clocked heat times of 52.70 and 52.61 seconds.

## British chiefs announce drug inquiry

LONDON, Dec 16, (AP): British track-and-field chiefs said today they would set up an independent inquiry into charges of a major doping-testing cover-up.

The announcement followed the second part of a series by the Times of London focusing on allegations of drug-testing corruption in British track and field.

The track officials said part of the Times' reports involving a British-American meet was "entirely untrue" and questioned the newspaper's motives for running the series.

In today's editions, the Times said that one of the country's top track officials subverted drug testing at a major event by switching urine samples to protect a competitor.

The official, Andy Norman, described the allegations as "ridiculous" and a "load of rubbish."

### Denied

A joint statement by the British Amateur Athletics Board and the Amateur Athletics Association denied a series of allegations in the two Times articles and said a team would be named in the new year to look into the claims, the most serious and damaging to hit British athletics in recent years.

The second part of the Times investigation, which concentrated on a period between 1982 and 1985, centered on the role of Norman, the BAAB's promotions officer.

The paper quoted former British hammer thrower Martin Girvan, who won two Commonwealth Games silver medals, as saying that in 1984, he wanted to test his suspicions about drug-testing. When selected for testing at a meeting at Crystal Palace, Girvan told the Times, he told Norman at a meeting at Crystal Palace, Girvan told the Times, he told Norman the results would be "embarrassing."

Girvan alleged that Norman then arranged for a spare urine sample to be placed in a particular cubicle where samples were collected.

## Real to face Bayern in European Cup

LONDON, Dec 16, (Reuters): Real Madrid, having already eliminated Napoli and holders Porto in the European Cup this season, were presented with another tough tie today when they were drawn to meet West Germany's Bayern Munich in the quarterfinals of this season's competition.

The two-legged tie is the outstanding clash of the draw and a repeat of last season's semifinal when the Spanish champions were knocked out after a controversial match in Madrid during which the home fans hurled missiles into the Bayern goalmouth.

As a result, Madrid were prevented from the playing either of their home legs in this season's first two rounds at their Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

The match in Madrid on March 2 will be the first genuine 'home' tie in Europe this season for the Madrid team who have dominated the Spanish League this season, losing only once.

Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers, who knocked much-vaunted Soviet champions Dynamo Kiev out in the opening round, face another trip into Eastern Europe after being drawn to face 1986 winners Steaua Bucharest of Romania.

Dutch champions and League leaders PSV Eindhoven, who have won all 16 of their League matches this season, will face Bordeaux in a tie that offers them a good opportunity of going through to the last four.

In the fourth quarterfinal, Belgian champions Anderlecht, who have never quite lived up to their expectations in Europe, meet Benfica of Portugal.

UEFA said later the quarterfinals must be completed by April 4, the semifinals by April 30 and the final by May 31.

In the two-leg final the winner of the match D v B will play the first leg at home.

## W. Germans beat New Zealanders

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Dec 16, (AP): Defending champion Bergisch Gladbach of West Germany defeated New Zealand's national team 1-0 today in the final round of the 1987 Taipei International Women's Invitational soccer tournament.

Midfielder Bettina Holzner scored for West Germany in the 33rd minute.

Taiwan's Mulan squad beat Canada 2-0, with Chou Tai-Ying scoring in the second minute and Chen Yueh-Mei in the 56th minute.

In another match today, the California-El Camino Women's Soccer League select team of the United States blanked Australia 6-0.

Japan blanked Polynesia 5-1, and Hong Kong battled to a goalless tie with Taiwan's Liang-yu team in consolation matches for teams that failed to advance to the final round.

## San Diego to honour America's Cup deed

## Fay fails in bid to settle differences

SAN DIEGO, Dec 16, (Reuters): Representatives from San Diego and New Zealand met yesterday in an attempt to settle their on-shore differences concerning a 1988 America's Cup defence but could only bitterly agree to further disagree.

New Zealand financier Michael Fay and his attorney, Andrew Johns, met with Sail America Foundation chief operating officer Malin Burnham and San Diego Yacht Club officials for the first time since a judge upheld New Zealand's challenge forcing an America's Cup defence next year.

A New York judge ruled last month that the holders must

accept New Zealand's 1988 challenge in the huge 90-foot waterline boats — rather than the planned 1991 defence in traditional 12-metre yachts — or forfeit the Cup.

Fay told reporters at a news conference at a waterfront hotel that he was hoping to convince the Sail America people to allow other countries to participate in the process to decide who will ultimately challenge the San Diego Yacht Club, but said he was unsuccessful.

"New Zealand is the challenger for the next America's Cup that will be held in 1988, not in 12 metres but in 90-foot waterline length vessels. That's

all we've agreed to," Fay said. Burnham maintained that Sail America planned to adhere to a strict interpretation of the rules which would exclude all countries but New Zealand from the challenge.

"San Diego Yacht Club will honour the deed which says 'no other challenge can be considered until the pending event has been decided,'" he said.

**Threaten**  
Fay, although clearly frustrated by the headline, was reluctant to threaten any further court action.

"All we can do is put our opposition on the record," he said. "If we keep going to court

our lawyers will cost more than our sails have."

Fay said a suggestion by Burnham to withdraw their challenge was "not appropriate."

"New Zealand will be pushing ahead full-steam for a challenge in September of 1988," said Fay.

Asked about an announcement that a Canadian syndicate had paid their \$25,000 entry fee and expected to participate in the 1988 challenge, Burnham said: "We'd like to maximise the number of countries sailing in the America's Cup but right now we have been thwarted."

"With our sorrows, we'll send them back their cheque."

## Millat made to fight for victory

QUAID-E-MILLAT Cricket Club scored a nine-run victory over Falcon Cricket Club in a closely contested match at the EPI ground earlier this week.

After winning the toss and opting to bat, Millat opened its innings through Ishaq and Jamil to the bowling of Sher Afzal and Danny Netto.

Millat, with some good batting from Jamil, Munir and Qamar, scored a total of 209 for the loss of six wickets in their 29 allotted overs.

**Unbeaten**  
Jamil played brilliantly for his 60 runs while Munir and Qamar made 44 runs each. Qamar remained unbeaten. For Falcon, Danny Netto, Zahid Butt and Anjum took two wickets each.

Falcon started off well and their chase for runs was led by Iqbal who scored 53, Amin 52 and Zahid 40. The Millat bowlers tried to stem the flow of runs and at the start of the last over Falcon still needed 12 for victory.

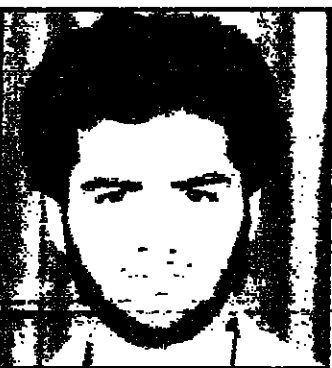
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Ilyas: four for 34

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Jamil: scored 60

bowled by Munir, and gave up the chase. They were still nine runs short of their opponents total at the end of the allotted overs.

Lala Ilyas took four wickets for 34 while Munir got two wickets for 16.

## Fifa fines Guyana \$7,400 for refusing to play Mexico

ZURICH, Switzerland, Dec 16, (AP): Guyana has been fined 10,000 Swiss francs (\$7,400) and faces further punishment for refusing to play Mexico in the Olympic soccer qualifying tournament, officials at the International Soccer Federation (Fifa) said today.

Fifa's executive committee imposed the initial fine and also told Guyana to pay the Mexican federation for the loss of game receipts and other expenses, a sum that could total another 10,000 francs, said one of the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Mexico first has to present an

estimate of the financial loss which Fifa must approve, the official said.

If Guyana fails to pay, it can be suspended from international competition, which could endanger the team's participation in the preliminary rounds of the 1990 World Cup starting next spring, one official said.

Fifa awarded a win to host Mexico after Guyana failed to show for the Dec 9 game in Group B of the regional Olympic qualifying tournament. The group also includes Guatemala.

Guyana had previously lost its home and away matches with Guatemala and a home game against Mexico.

## Woosnam named European Golfer of the Year

LONDON, Dec 16, (AP): Ian Woosnam, winner of eight tournament worldwide in 1987, yesterday was named Ritz European Golfer of the Year.

"Winning the Hong Kong Open early in the year got me going," said the 35-year-old Welshman, one of the smallest players on the European Tour. "My confidence was sky high from that point on."

Woosnam, who beat British Open champion Nick Faldo for the prestigious award, played in 33 events during the year and missed the cut only four times.

### Event

In addition to the Hong Kong Open, he won the Madrid Open, Jersey Open, Bells Scottish Open, Lancome Trophy, World Matchplay Championship, Hawaiian Open and the million-dollar winner-take-all event in Sun City, South Africa earlier this month.

He also led Wales to victory in the World Team Cup as well as winning the individual title, and was a member of the victorious European Ryder Cup team.

## Henley receives cash gift

HENLEY, England, Dec 16, (Reuters): Henley Royal Regatta has been given a (\$910,000) gift by two life-long rowing supporters.

The money from Alan and Rosemary Burroughs has enabled officials to take a 999-year lease on Temple Island, the famous landmark close to the starting point of the regatta, one of the

highlights of the British social and sporting calendar.

Burroughs, former president of a gin company, rowed as a schoolboy at Henley in 1934 and was later president of the Cambridge boat race crew.

Henley have wanted the island for many years and money they had set aside is expected to be used to help British rowing.

## Maxwell and John may quit soccer

LONDON, Dec 16, (Reuters): Press and publishing tycoon Robert Maxwell and rock star Elton John may quit soccer leaving three English First Division clubs up for sale and facing possible ruin, the Maxwell-owned Daily Mirror reported today.

Maxwell was told by the Football League management committee yesterday that he cannot complete his takeover of John's Watford unless he sells his shares in Derby, where he is chairman, Oxford and Reading.

### Assured

Maxwell and John were furious, the newspaper said. They had been assured by League chairman Philip Carter, in a compromise agreed at a private meeting 10 days ago, that only Oxford had to be sold to allow the Watford deal to go

through. John, chairman of Watford, said: "The management committee are damaging Watford. I don't know where the hell I stand. I just cannot believe what they are up to."

"The way I feel at the moment I could walk away from football for good. I don't think I want to see another football match for the rest of my life."

The management committee called an extraordinary general meeting of all 92 English League clubs on January 19 to vote on the issue of a one person having a controlling influence in more than one club.

Maxwell said: "Let the clubs, their players, managers and staff and the millions of fans be the judges. I'm certain they will be up in arms over the action of the



John: furious

"mismanagement committee" in dishonouring an agreement."

Watford, Derby and Oxford were all languishing in the lower

divisions of the Football League before they were taken over by John and Maxwell respectively. John became chairman of Watford and they succeeded in going from the Fourth Division to the First and reaching a Football Association (FA) Cup final.

Maxwell, as chairman of Oxford, invested heavily as they moved from the third to the first before he left to take over at Derby.

### Season

His son became his successor as Oxford chairman. At Derby, Maxwell succeeded in helping them back to the First Division this season.

Both John and Maxwell have invested heavily in their clubs and, if they sell, the new owners would face great financial demand if they hope to maintain the clubs in the First Division.

## NBA ROUNDUP

## Coleman helps Nets end slide

NEW YORK, Dec 16, (AP): At long last, the New Jersey Nets and Sacramento Kings proved they can still win in the NBA.

The Nets snapped an 11-game losing streak when they beat San Antonio 104-98 and the Kings ended an eight-game slide as they routed the Los Angeles Clippers 128-108 last night.

"It felt real great to win one," said Otis Thorpe, who had 31 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists for Sacramento. "Now we can go out on the court with our heads up high."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Milwaukee 103, New York 98; Boston 122, Washington 102; Atlanta 93, Indiana 91; Cleveland 106, Dallas 93; Detroit 127, Chicago 123 in overtime; Los Angeles Lakers 122, Phoenix 97, and Portland 128, Seattle 109.

Ben Coleman scored 22 points and hit four clutch free throws in the final minute as the Nets won for the first time since Nov 19 and for only the third time in 18 games this season.

"Overall we didn't play well enough to deserve to win," said Spurs centre Frank Brickowski, who had two career-highs with 29 points and 15 rebounds. "They played terrible, but we were worse."

**Kings 128, Clippers 108**  
Reggie Theus added 27 points and 13 assists for Sacramento, whose last previous victory was 115-114 over Philadelphia in overtime on Nov 28. The Kings never trailed in the second half and built a 92-83 lead going into the final period.

**Pistons 127, Bulls 123**  
Detroit won its seventh straight despite 38 points from Michael Jordan as Adrian Dantley scored five points in overtime and Rick Mahorn four. Jordan forced the overtime when he hit a 3-point shot at the buzzer.

**Hawks 93, Pacers 91**  
Atlanta stayed a half-game behind Detroit in the Central Division by winning for the eighth time in nine outings. Dominique Wilkins scored 34 points for the Hawks.

**Cavaliers 106, Mavericks 93**  
Cleveland snapped Dallas' five-game winning streak as Brad Daugherty scored 21 points and Craig Ehlo added a season-high 20 points and a career-high 14 rebounds. Derek Harper led the Mavericks with 21.

**Lakers 122, Suns 97**  
Los Angeles handed Phoenix its worst loss of the season as Byron Scott scored a season-high 31 points and AC Green added 22 points and 14 rebounds. Larry Nance scored 27 points for the Suns.

**Trail Blazers 128, Supersonics 109**  
Portland got 24 points from Jerome Kersey and outscored Seattle 42-21 in the second quarter. Clyde Drexler had 23 points for Portland.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Sports award

SYDNEY, Dec 16, (Reuter): World motorcycle champion Wayne Gardner has been named Australia's Athlete of the Year by the Confederation of Australian Sport ahead of Wimbledon tennis champion Pat Cash.

## Willey quits

LONDON, Dec 16, (Reuter): Former England Test cricketer Peter Willey resigned as captain of English county side Leicestershire today. His resignation could lead to a return to the captaincy by former England captain David Gower.

## NHL games

NEW YORK, Dec 16, (Reuter): Results of the National Hockey League (NHL) Games scheduled yesterday (only games scheduled): Vancouver 2, Hartford 2; Toronto 5, Washington 3; Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 3; New York 2, St. Louis 2.

## Report denied

LONDON, Dec 16, (AP): The governing body of European Soccer, UEFA, yesterday denied reports that English clubs definitely will be re-admitted to European competition next season, saying the matter may not be decided until next May.

## British boxer

LONDON, Dec 16, (AP): British welterweight boxing champion Kirkland Laing was quoted today as saying he was "still woozy" from smoking marijuana when he climbed into the ring for two unsuccessful title bouts.

## British soccer

LONDON, Dec 16, (Reuter): Results of British soccer matches played yesterday:

played yesterday.			
Scottish Premier Division			
Rangers	2	Dunfermline	2
English Division Three			
Bristol City	4	Fulham	0
Tranmere	2	Bolton	0

## UMO badminton

RAVI Mathew and K.S. Jose meet Cherry George and Johnson Varghese in the doubles finals of the United Malayalee Organisation (UMO) badminton tournament at the Kheitan courts this evening at 6.30 pm. Ravi Mathew also reached the finals of the singles. He will meet George Joseph. An exhibition match between Suresh Ramachandran and Fazil Kunchiahmed will also be held.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club game played yesterday:

1. Lolli Murtwaite & Nabil Akel  
2. Sonia Banayan & Randa Finan  
3. Salwa Hayek & Ghada Sarraf

Results of the Messiah Ladies Bridge Club game played on Saturday:

1. Lolli Murtwaite & Nabil Akel  
2. Sonia Banayan & Ely Lammeris  
3. Lili Al Jundi & Dora Mateny

Results of the Sheraton game held on Tuesday:

1. Narendra Shah & Khursheed Zuberi  
2. Foad Farah & Ehsan Adasi  
3. Ignace Meouchi & Marcel Zanani

First mixed pair: Mrs Sandra Turvey & Dr Adel Bayoumi

1. Gopal & Ramu Menon  
2. Janzekovic Darko & Stanislav Drexler  
3. Mrs Beatrice Pereira & Aubrey D'Souza

By Gail Seery in Bahrain

BAHRAIN Champion Ebrahim Matter and co-driver Khaled Engineer will be the first to start in tomorrow's BP Bahrain 44 rally, which marks a welcome return of the island to hosting international events.

Matter finished third in Kuwait, driving the same Mitsubishi Pajero he will be driving in this event. Second to start will be the Marlboro Desert Challenge leader, Ahmed Al Hilal and co-driver Fahad Al Rashed, once again in a rally prepared Pajero. Eid Falah will leave the ramp third, followed by Arab Times/Marlboro sponsored driver Tareq Al Wazzan.

Both Eid Falah and Wazzan will be driving Range Rovers. Falah's is a Zayani sponsored vehicle, and has been strengthened for this event to give the young driver a chance of bettering his current second place in the Challenge. Al Wazzan's Range Rover has been completely rebuilt at the AAA Garage in Dubai.

Al Wazzan told the Arab Times that he was pleased with his car, and was looking forward to the event. However, he added that this was "a very, very,

## PAKISTAN LET TOURISTS OFF THE HOOK

## Emburey and Capel rescue England

KARACHI, Dec 16, (Reuter): John Emburey and David Capel put England's specialist batsmen to shame with a dramatic rescue operation in the third cricket Test against Pakistan today.

Coming together in mid-afternoon of the first day at 85 for six, they dragged the tourists to respectability with a stand of 114. At close of play England were 222 for seven in their first innings on an easy Karachi wicket.

Crippled Emburey made 70 and Capel an unbeaten 53.

The match is the last of England's unhappy 37-day tour, crippled by bitter public rows over the umpiring. It took two days of negotiations before the officials for the game, the respected Pakistanis Mahboob Shah and Khizar Hayat, were named.

Captain Mike Gatting, one of the men at the centre of the storm, won the toss for the third time in the series and England batted.

But the mood was unhappy and fast-medium bowler Wasim Akram removed pedestrian openers Graham Gooch and Chris Broad before lunch.

Then Abdul Qadir, as so often before, span England into trouble in a devastating afternoon spell.

With the first ball of the ses-

sion, the leg-spinner removed Bill Athey for 26 and followed up with Gatting (18) and Phillip DeFreitas (12).

Salim Jaffer chipped in with the wicket of Neil Fairbrother for three and at 85 for six, England were facing the prospect of their lowest ever Test score against Pakistan.

England's second innings' 130 in the first Test at Lahore last month equalled the record low set at the Oval in 1954.

But then vice-captain Emburey joined the Northamptonshire all-rounder Capel at the wicket and led the recovery. The pair batted with application, kept their heads down and played every ball on merit.

Returning after tea, with the score at 126, they set about the bowling. Qadir was taken off at the end of an unbroken spell of 23 overs after Emburey had swept him twice to the square leg boundary.

The new ball proved Emburey's downfall. On the seventh delivery, he cut Jaffer uppishly and was caught by Qadir just inside the boundary at deep third man.

His 70 was just five runs short of his best Test score, made against New Zealand at Nottingham last year.



Qadir: bowled Gatting, DeFreitas and Athey

Inspired by the stand, Capel and Bruce French saw off any further danger and were on 53 and 10 respectively. Play ended mid-way through the last over as the light faded.

With the wicket looking innocuous, both teams took the

field with only two spinners, instead of the three in the drawn and shortened second Test in Faisalabad last week.

England found runs hard to come by and made only 27 in the first hour against Wasim and Jaffer.

Gooch was caught behind for 12 and waited for umpire Hayat's decision, but walked as soon as the signal was given.

The score moved slowly on to 41 when left-hander Broad became Wasim second victim, padding up to a ball which cut in.

He took 86 minutes to make only seven runs.

Athey and Gatting steered England into lunch on 55 for two. Qadir had failed to make any impression in the morning, but the refreshment obviously agreed with him.

His first delivery shattered Athey's stumps. Gatting was next to go, trying to pull a faster delivery which hit middle and leg stumps.

Fairbrother, who has had an unhappy tour, fended off a rearing ball from Jaffer and England were 72 for five.

Qadir, who took 13 wickets in the first Test and seven in the second, at one time had figures of three for 16. But Emburey and Capel read him better and at close of play his tally was a more modest three for 56.

**Scoreboard**  
ENGLAND First Innings  
G. Gooch c Ashraf Ali b Wasim... 12  
C. Broad lbw b Wasim... 7  
W. Athey b Qadir... 26  
M. Gatting b Qadir... 18  
N. Fairbrother c sub b Jaffer... 3  
D. Capel not out... 53  
P. Emburey c Qadir b Jaffer... 70  
B. French not out... 10  
Extras (lb-5 nb-5 w-1)... 11  
Total (for seven wickets)... 222  
Fall of wickets: 1-20 2-41 3-55 4-72 5-72 6-85 7-199

To bat: N. Cook, G. Dilley. Bowling to date: Wasim 21-1-62-2, Jaffer 21-6-60-2, Qadir 30-3-11-56-3, Qasim 10-2-39-0, Mudasar 1-1-0-0.

Pakistan: Mudasar Nazar, Ramoon Raja, Salim Malik, Javed Mamoon, Ejaz Ahmed, Amir Malik, Wasim Akram, Ashraf Ali, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim, Salim Jaffer. Umpires: Mahboob Shah and Khizar Hayat.

## India-W. Indies draw 2nd Test

BOMBAY, Dec 16, (Reuter): India drew the second Test match with West Indies today, or rather survived it, thanks to the weather and the clock — and despite their own performance.

After another collapse before the pace and aggression of the tourists, they went from 105 for two to 173 all out, and were saved only by the impossibility of the West Indies knocking off the required 118 runs in the 11 overs remaining under the rules.

West Indies faced two overs and lost Gordon Greenidge for two before calling it a day at four for one. West Indies lead the series 1-0 with two Tests to play.

The damage to India on the final day was done by Pat Patterson, who captured five wickets for 68, and Courtney Walsh, who mopped up the tail for figures of four for 40.

Intimidation is one of the West Indies' weapons, as a series of bruised Indian batsmen could testify.

But the touring party use it because it works — only opener Kirshan Srikanth, who scored half centuries in both innings, and skipper Dilip Vengsarkar,

who made 58 and 40 not out, had learnt to use the bowlers' pace to score runs rather than duck away from it.

Skipper Viv Richards, talking to reporters after the match, defended his bowlers, saying they were only answering the bouncers they had received on Tuesday.

"We play according to what we get — the guys retaliated a bit."

To those the Indians who complained about the tactics he replied: "If you live in a glass house you shouldn't throw stones."

**Scoreboard**  
INDIA first innings 281 (D. Vengsarkar 51, Kapil Dev 47, C. Walsh five for 54)

**WEST INDIES first innings** (overlight 327 for nine)  
G. Greenidge c Lal b Shastri... 112  
D. Vengsarkar c Pandit (sub) b Shastri... 58  
R. Richardson lbw b Sharma... 89  
V. Richards b Mander... 37  
A. Logie run out... 9  
C. Hooper lbw b Kapil Dev... 37  
J. Dujon c and b Shastri... 14  
C. Burtis c More b Shastri... 18  
W. Davis c and b Sharma... 30  
C. Walsh c Srikanth b Sharma... 5  
P. Patterson not out... 21

**Extras** (lb-5 nb-4 w-1)... 13  
Total... 337  
Fall of wickets: 1-55 2-99 3-146 4-146 5-210 6-258 7-258 8-300 9-308.  
Bowling: Kapil Dev 25-9-72-1, Sharma 13-1-64-3, Ayub 20-1-54-0, Mander 17-5-68-1, Shastri 28-3-9-71-4.

**INDIA second innings**  
K. Srikanth b Patterson... 65  
A. Lal c Greenidge b Patterson... 1  
M. Amarnath c Richards b Walsh... 8  
D. Vengsarkar not out... 40  
M. Azharuddin c Davis b Patterson... 5  
R. Shastri c Burtis b Davis... 5  
Kapil Dev c Dujon b Patterson... 5  
K. More c Richards b Patterson... 0  
A. Ayub b Walsh... 18  
C. Sharma b Walsh... 0  
Mander Singh c Richardson b Walsh... 0  
Extras (lb-1 nb-1 w-0)... 26  
Total... 173  
Fall of wickets: 1-162 2-58 3-105 4-112 5-126 6-132 7-132 8-173 9-173.  
Bowling: Patterson 16-1-68-5, Davis 15-1-59-1, Walsh 14-2-40-4, Burtis 1-1-0-0.

**WEST INDIES second innings**  
G. Greenidge c Kapil Dev b Sharma... 2  
D. Vengsarkar not out... 0  
Extras (lb-1 nb-1 w-0)... 2  
Total (for one wicket)... 4  
Fall of wicket: 1-3.  
Bowling: Kapil Dev 1-0-2-0, Sharma 1-0-1-1.

## Netherlands beat Greece

RHODES, Greece, Dec 16, (Reuter): The Netherlands duly completed their expected victory over a Greek junior team when they beat them 3-0 in the final European Championship Group Five match on the island of Rhodes today.

Although Greece fielded a junior team in protest at the European Football Union's (UEFA) decision to replay the Netherlands-Cyprus match, which the Dutch won 4-0 last week, the Dutch, already assured of a place in next year's finals in West Germany, were only able to show their full superiority in the second half.

Midfielder Ronald Koeman

opened the scoring in the 19th minute with a 30-metre drive to give the Dutch the chance to relax.

They took advantage of the luxury before substitute striker Hans Gillhaus, who came on in the 65th minute for the injured Berry van Aerle, added further goals after 75 and 81 minutes.

Gillhaus slid in to finish off a right wing cross for his first goal and completed the scoring with a tremendous drive from 35 metres for the second.

The Greek Soccer Federation said it was staging the game in Rhodes and out of Athens as a protest at the UEFA decision to allow the Netherlands to replay Cyprus in Amsterdam.

## Yugoslavia edge past Turkey

IZMIR, Turkey, Dec 16, (Reuter): Yugoslavia beat Turkey 3-2 in a European Soccer Championship Group Four qualifier today but nearly slipped when the Turks found their form on a treacherous, waterlogged pitch.

Turkey scored their first two goals of the series but the match was already a formality because England has qualified for the Group Four place in the quarter-finals.

"We lost 4-1 to England, it crushed our morale. We must beat Turkey even with our young team, to be able to overcome it," Yugoslav official Ivica Osim said before the match.

## Matter to lead off Bahrain Rally

## By Gail Seery in Bahrain

BAHRAIN Champion Ebrahim Matter and co-driver Khaled Engineer will be the first to start in tomorrow's BP Bahrain 44 rally, which marks a welcome return of the island to hosting international events.

Matter finished third in Kuwait, driving the same Mitsubishi Pajero he will be driving in this event. Second to start will be the Marlboro Desert Challenge leader, Ahmed Al Hilal and co-driver Fahad Al Rashed, once again in a rally prepared Pajero. Eid Falah will leave the ramp third, followed by Arab Times/Marlboro sponsored driver Tareq Al Wazzan.

Both Eid Falah and Wazzan will be driving Range Rovers. Falah's is a Zayani sponsored vehicle, and has been strengthened for this event to give the young driver a chance of bettering his current second place in the Challenge. Al Wazzan's Range Rover has been completely rebuilt at the AAA Garage in Dubai.

Al Wazzan told the Arab Times that he was pleased with his car, and was looking forward to the event. However, he added that this was "a very, very,



Matter: during the Kuwait event

rough rally." Promoter of the series, Sean O'Connor, echoed his words: "At this stage in a Middle East Championship event, everyone knows that only one of two drivers is going to win. Here, on such a rough rally, it really could be anybody."

The other Kuwait entrants are Ahmed Al Zafiri and Tareq Alyan, starting sixth and seventh respectively. In the top seven places, six are from Kuwait. The seventh Kuwaiti never arrived.

Another two non-arrivals

were the Qatari drivers Jaber Al Marri and Abbas Al Mousawi, who had been expected to represent a very real threat to the Kuwaiti entrants' hope of claiming the Challenge title.

Ibrahim Madloom, who impressed spectators in the Kuwait event with his persistence, was reportedly involved in a crash yesterday, which may put him out of the event.

Toni Samia, team manager to Tareq Al Wazzan said that this was a "very hard, very rough,

and very twisty and bumpy event." All the Kuwaiti drivers were out practising hard.

Ahmed Al Hilal told the Arab Times that there were only two stages which were relatively straightforward. Asked to identify the difficult stages, he replied that it would be much quicker to identify the easy ones.

Al Hilal denied rumours that his Pajero had been strengthened in any way since the last event, pointing out that this type of rally, with its short stages doesn't give an advantage to the most powerful cars in any case. He felt that this event called for a strong car, and the good driving skills.

Al Hilal said "I'm driving for a win," explaining that there were not enough events in this year's Challenge to enable him to drive for points. He felt that his most likely rivals would be Ebrahim Matter, Tareq Al Wazzan, and Eid Falah. "Eid strengthened his car so that he wouldn't have to finish second," he said.

However, it had been the fast stages which Falah had done best on, and Hilal did not feel that conditions here would be so favourable to the Range Rover.

The rally starts at 7.30 am tomorrow morning, and ends at 2.30 pm the same day.

## India make one change

BOMBAY, Dec 16, (Reuter): India's cricket selectors announced today the 14-man squad for the third Test against the West Indies in Calcutta from December 26 to 31.

In the only change from the squad named for the second Test which ended in a draw earlier in the day, Sanjay Manjrekar comes in for Chandrakant Pandit, who did not play in Bombay.

The selectors also announced the squad for the second one-day international to be played in Gauhati, north-eastern India, on December 23.

Contrary to plan, no names were announced for a one-day

match due in Calcutta on January 2.

Indian squad for the third Test: Dilip Vengsarkar, Krishnamachari Srikkanth, Arun Lal, Mohinder Amarnath, Mohamud Azharuddin, Ravi Shastri, Kapil Dev, Kiran More, Arshad Ayub, Chetan Sharma, Manan Singh, Narendra Hirwani, Sanjay Manjrekar, Sanjeev Sharma.

Indian squad for the second one-day international: Vengsarkar, Srikkanth, Amarnath, Azharuddin, Shastri, Kapil Dev, More, Ayub, Singh, C. Sharma, S. Sharma, Manjrekar, Manoj Prabhakar, Anshuman, Gawkwad.

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